Long-Term Care Trust Act

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7 of 10 people will need long-term care after turning 65.

More than 90% of people are not insured for long-term care. Most families must make severe financial sacrifices and many impoverish themselves to pay for essential care.

Medicare does not cover most long-term care needs, but families learn this too late to make a better plan.

Families are forced to spend down their life savings to $2,000 in their savings account to qualify for Medicaid long-term care coverage and are left without financial security.

More than 90% of Americans are uninsured for long-term support.

The private LTC Insurance market is broken. Plans are limited in coverage and premiums continue to increase.

70% of Americans rely on public benefits such as Medicaid to cover Long-Term Care.
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Annual Medicaid spending is projected to double by 2030. As Washington’s older population more than doubles, the number of people who require long-term care will also increase proportionally.

![Projected Growth of Older Population in WA as Percent of 2012 Population](image)

Washington’s spending on Medicaid-funded long-term care will almost double to $4.01 billion per year in 2030.

Caring for a loved one comes at a cost for family caregivers. Washington's 850,000 unpaid family caregivers face financial insecurity.

Family members who leave the workforce to care for loved ones typically lose $300,000 in income and benefits. Women lose the most, an average of $324,044.

Nationally, family caregivers spend an average of 20% of their own income on out-of-pocket costs related to caregiving. **Without a solution we will impoverish the next generation too.**

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Everyone contributes in our working years

All Washington W-2 workers chip in and contribute. Self-employed workers may opt-in. Required contribution is 58 cents per $100 of income. Vesting period is 3 of the past 6 years, or 10 years without a break of 5+ years. Trust fund invests the money and distributes benefits.

$36,500 of Long-Term Care coverage per person

Anyone vested who requires assistance with three activities of daily living can access this benefit coverage of $36,500/ person.

Activities of Daily Living

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Taxpayers save $3.9 billion in Medicaid costs by 2052

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Lifetime benefit of $36,500 could be spent on flexible supports and services including:

- Professional caregiving to assist with daily living activities in-home or a residential setting of your choice.
- Wheelchair ramps, emergency alert devices, medication reminder devices, and other needed equipment.
- Training and pay for family members providing caregiving duties.
- Meals on Wheels, rides to the doctor, dementia education, caregiving support, care coordination and other services.