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Amendment # 244

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**Attachments:** 2023-Facts-and-Figures-Statesheets-Alaska (1) (2) (1).pdf

Thank you for working on the increment for dementia. Please find information below that your office may find helpful in rebuttals.

63,000 Alaskans have subjective cognitive decline, and 25,000 Alaskans provide unpaid care as daily caregivers. The population of Alaskans with Alzheimer's is projected (and is on track for!) a 90% growth rate from 2020 to 2030. The FDA-approved treatments for Alzheimer's only work on patients who are in the earliest stages of dementia, so it is critical that people recognize the signs and symptoms of dementia before it progresses past the point of treatment. One in three Alaska Natives can expect to develop dementia, but Rural Alaskans of all races have limited access to state resources, education, materials, and services. This is why we need to ensure there's sufficient funding for rural outreach.

Considering your district, you may find it interesting that veterans have a greater risk for dementia due to their high prevalence of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This is one of the reasons why Alaska's Palmer Pioneer Home for veterans has a specialized memory care unit.

More compelling statistics are attached.  
Thank you for all you do for Alaska!



# ALASKA

## 2023 ALZHEIMER'S STATISTICS

### NUMBER OF PEOPLE AGED 65 AND OLDER WITH ALZHEIMER'S

YEAR	TOTAL
2020	8,500
2025	11,000

### ESTIMATED % INCREASE

# 29.4%

### PREVALENCE

# 8

# OF GERIATRICIANS IN 2021

# 287.5%

INCREASE NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND IN 2050

# 6,270

# OF HOME HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE AIDES IN 2020

# 13.7%

INCREASE NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND IN 2030

### WORKFORCE

### UNPAID CAREGIVERS (2022)

# 25,000

 # OF CAREGIVERS

# 39,000,000

 TOTAL HOURS OF UNPAID CARE

# \$795,000,000

 TOTAL VALUE OF UNPAID CARE

### CAREGIVER HEALTH (2021)

# 53.7%

 OF CAREGIVERS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

# 27.7%

 OF CAREGIVERS WITH DEPRESSION

# 15.2%

 OF CAREGIVERS IN POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH

### CAREGIVING

### HOSPICE (2017)

# 95

 # OF PEOPLE IN HOSPICE WITH A PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA

# 14%

 HOSPICE RESIDENTS WITH A PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA

### HOSPITALS (2018)

# 1,478

 # OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS PER 1,000 PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

# 19.3%

 DEMENTIA PATIENT HOSPITAL READMISSION RATE

### MEDICAID

# \$76M

 MEDICAID COSTS OF CARING FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S (2020)

# 44.6%

 PROJECTED CHANGE IN COSTS FROM 2020 TO 2025

### MEDICARE

# \$27,793

 PER CAPITA MEDICARE SPENDING ON PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA (IN 2022 DOLLARS)

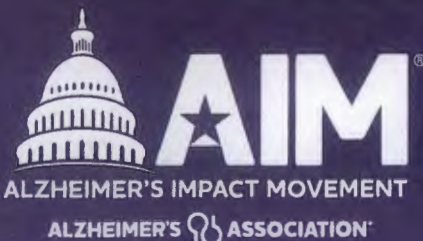
### HEALTH CARE

### # OF DEATHS FROM ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (2019)

# 128

 172.3% INCREASE IN ALZHEIMER'S DEATHS 2000-2019

### MORTALITY



More than **6 million Americans** are living with Alzheimer's, and over **11.5 million** provide their unpaid care. The cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias is estimated to total **\$345 billion** in 2023, increasing to nearly **\$1 trillion** (in today's dollars) by mid-century.

For more information, view the **2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures** report at [alz.org/facts](http://alz.org/facts). © 2023 Alzheimer's Association. All Rights Reserved. Alzheimer's Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.