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# What Could Lie Ahead for Senior Living & Care in 2024

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## Learning objectives

- Analyze Fundamentals: Investigate key indicators such as occupancy, rates, workforce dynamics, demographics, capital markets, and merger and acquisition activity. Examine the potential ripple effects of CMS proposed minimum staffing on SNFs and its broader impact. Explore how value-based care is influencing the industry and whether it presents opportunities or pressures.
- Economic and Operational Dynamics: Explore the headwinds and tailwinds influencing the senior living & care industry. Understand the economic and operational challenges faced by providers, gaining insights into strategic approaches that can enhance margins and confer a competitive advantage. Assess the role of digital integration and workforce strategies in navigating this complex landscape.
- Financial Strategies and Ownership Imperatives: Examine how owners and operators can optimize reimbursement, leverage tax incentives, and formulate strategic plans in collaboration with professionals. Address the critical considerations related to the significant business transfer underway with the baby-boomer generation. Understand the imperative for owners and operators to execute effective plans across various stages of their business life cycle.



### What to Expect

- Continued Positive Occupancy Momentum and Demand Tailwinds
- Dynamic Economic Environment
- Margin Pressure
- Capital Markets
- Increased M&A Activity Ahead
- Labor Pressure
- ► Maturing Trend of Organizations Growing Vertically (Health & Wellness)



# **Analyze Fundamentals**

What's going on in the Senior Living & Care Industry





# **Senior Living**



#### National - Primary Market as of Quarter End





3Q 2019

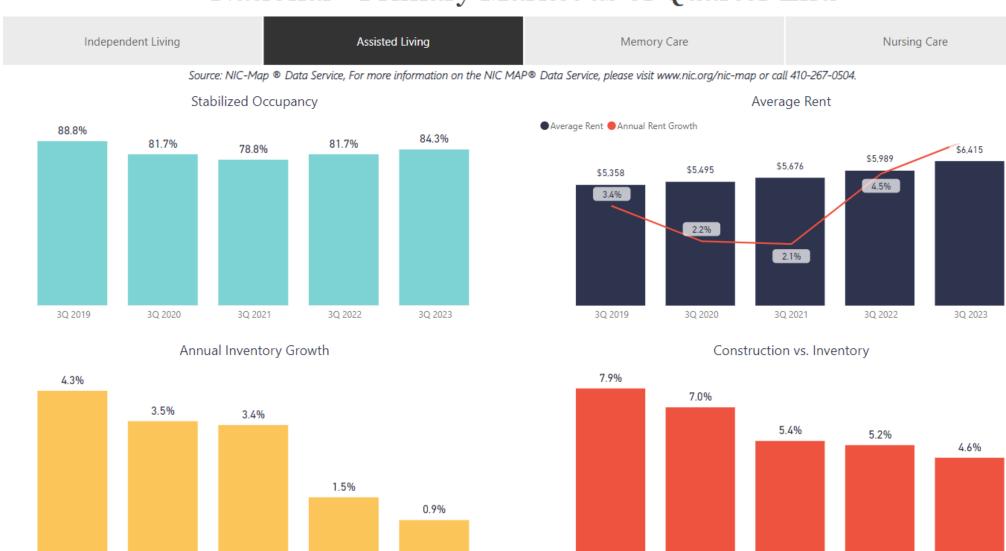
3Q 2020

3Q 2021

3Q 2022

3Q 2023

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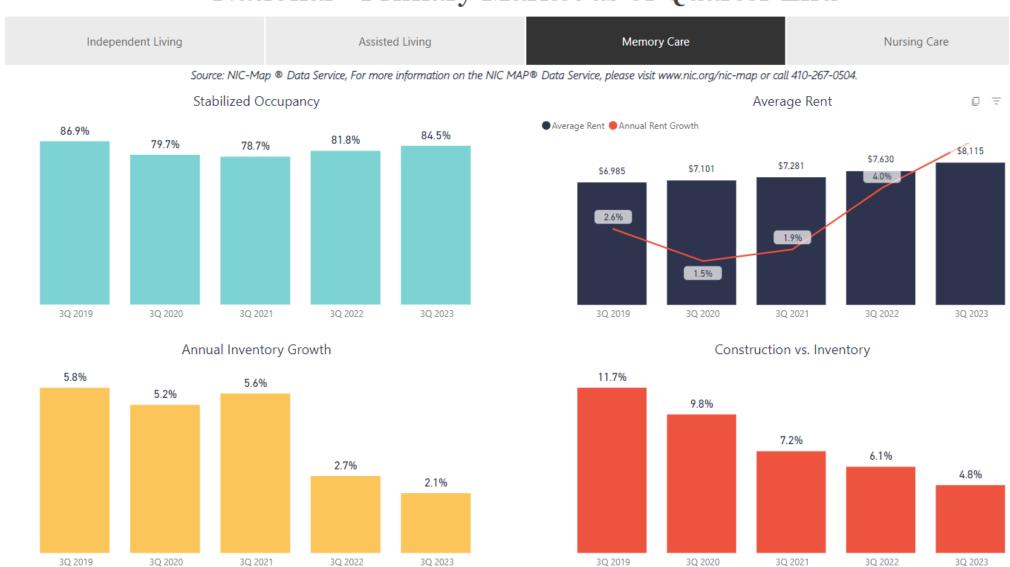
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# **Skilled Nursing**



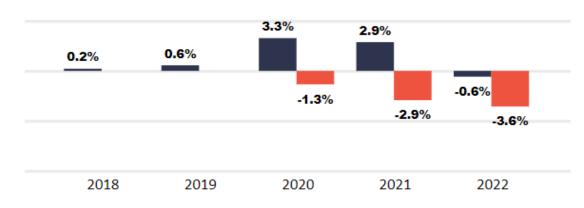
## **Skilled Nursing**

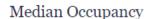
Median Paid Nursing Hours Per Day

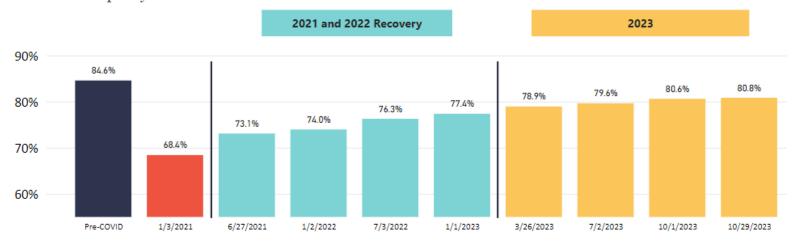


#### Median Operating Margin

Operating Margin (median) Excluding PHE Funding









#### **Proposed SNF Minimum Staffing Rule Requirements**

- RN hours per resident day = 0.55
- Nurse aides HPRD = 2.45
- RN <u>always</u> (24/7) on site, able to provide care
- Limited ability for exemptions from staffing
- Facility enhancements
  - Evidence-based methods must be used when care planning for residents
  - Require use of facility assessments to assess specific needs of each resident and adjust as necessary based on any significant changes in resident population
  - Require input of staff including leadership, management, direct care (nurse staff) representatives of direct care and staff who provide other services
  - Require development of a staffing plan to maximize recruitment and retention of staff
- Phased in based on urban or rural (3 or 5 years)
- Comment period open through Nov. 6
- Review more details: <u>CLA BLOG</u>



### **Summary of Findings and Conclusions**

The following table summarizes the potential impact of the proposed staffing mandate on the skilled nursing facility industry.

Facilities that met criteria
Facilities that did NOT meet criteria
Estimated Annual Cost (\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\ in Millions)

Estimated FTEs to Meet Criteria

Potential Census Impacted

	Nurse Aide	RN 24/7		
	(2.45 HPRD)	Coverage	RN (0.55 HPRD)	All/Total
	4,079 (28%)	2,970 (20%)	7,642 (52%)	896 (6%)
	10,532 (72%)	11,729 (80%)	7,057 (48%)	13,803 (94%)
	\$ 4,794	\$ 610	\$ 1,455	\$ 6,860
	80,077	6,897	15,180	102,154
'	186,920 (16%)	96,528 (8%)	147,167 (12%)	287,524 (24%)

The additional cost and FTEs for 24/7 RN coverage does allow some facilities to meet the RN HPRD requirement. The RN HPRD estimated annual cost and additional FTEs to meet the 0.55 HPRD is in excess of the RN 24/7 coverage.

The estimated \$6.8 billion annual cost exceeds the CMS estimated annual cost of \$4 billion dollars primarily due to the fiscal year cost reports utilized in the calculation. CLA utilized the most currently available reports, including some FYE 2022 reports, which represent higher compensation costs than FY 2021.



### **Home Health**



#### **Home Health**

Increased M&A activity in 2024 compared to 2023

Continued Diversification

Home Health Care or Home Care, Organizations defining their mission and value proposition

Technology and Cybersecurity

Management Support
Organizations

Reimbursement Pressure

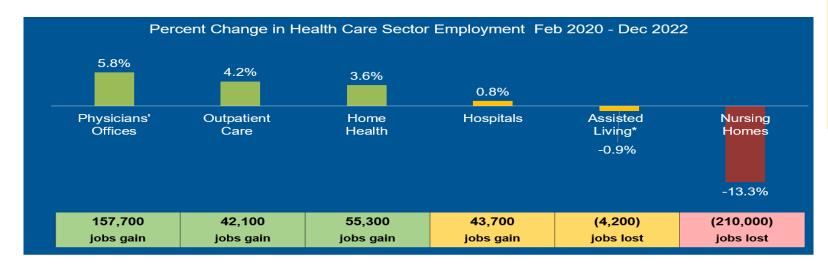


# Senior Living & Care Faces Labor Issues Across The Board



## Workforce – #1 Industry Challenge

Senior Living & Care continues to lag other health care segments. Projected decline in U.S. Workforce.



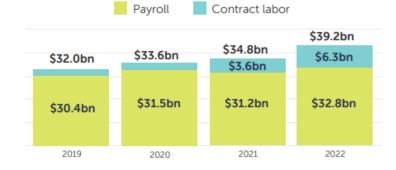
Source: Environics Analytics





The shortage of labor, along with economic pressures across the country, is causing increases in nursing wages that greatly outpace the increases in daily facility rates paid. The below graphs show the annual percentage increase in median overall nursing wages as well as percentage increases by nursing discipline. Average overall nursing hourly wages increased 10.6% in 2022,

# which greatly outpaced the net patient revenue increase of 6.4%.



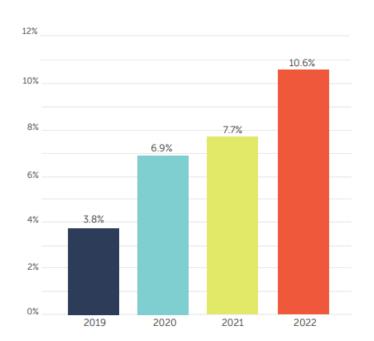
Direct Care Nursing Expense by Source

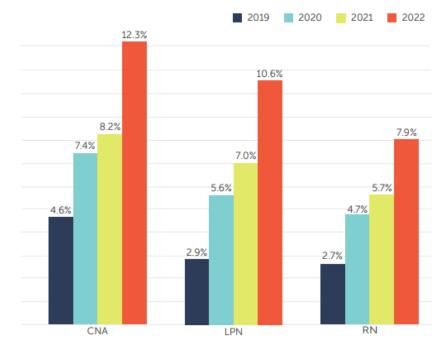




#### Nursing by Discipline

Growth rate in average hourly wages by nursing discipline





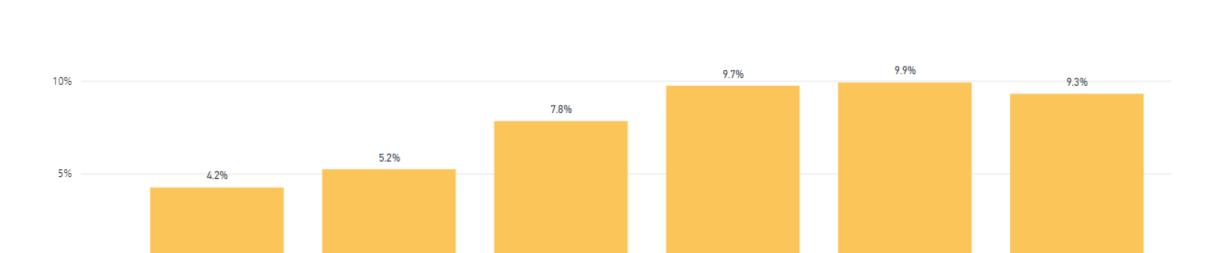


### **Contract Labor**

#### $\label{eq:contract} \textbf{Average Total Contract Share by Quarter}$

2020Q4

2021Q2



2022Q2

2022Q4

2021Q4

2023Q1

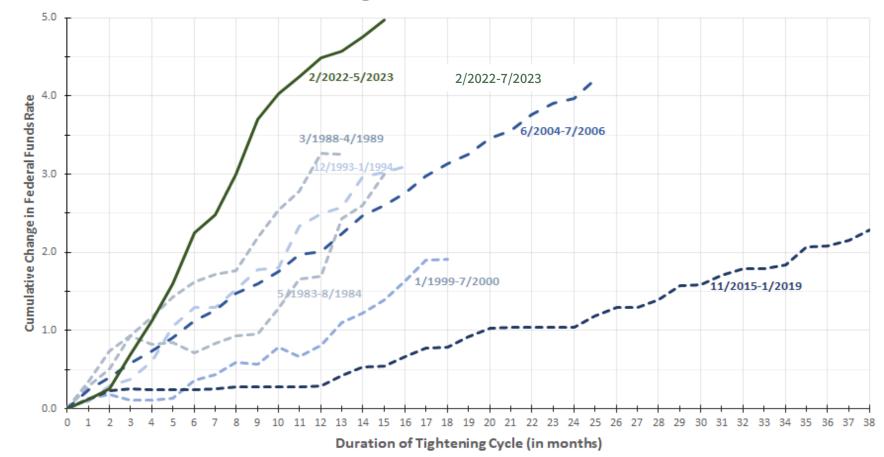
## **Economy & Capital Markets**





#### Interest Rates Have Never Risen So Far, So Fast

#### **Change in Federal Funds Rate**





## **Higher Rates and Industries**

In a world of higher rates, the costs of operating your business are higher.



Higher wages



**Higher financing costs** 



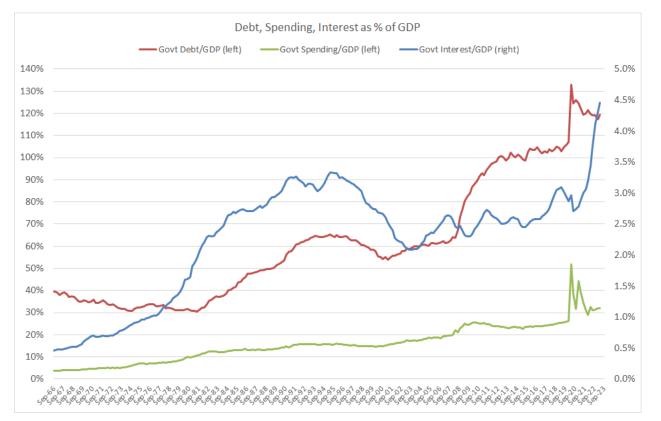
Handling your working capital and excess cash



## Rising Interest Costs Affect Governments and

**Businesses** 

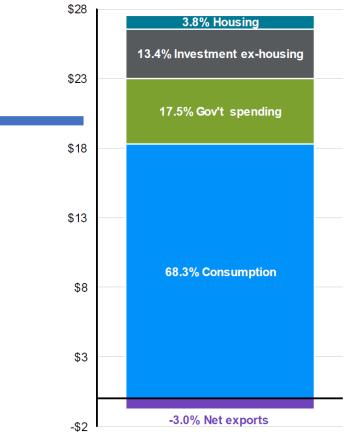
**GDP** 



Source GDP: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, CLA Wealth Advisors Source LEI: OECD, Main Economic Indicators, Copyright, 2016, OECD. Reprinted with permission.

#### **Components of GDP**

2Q23 nominal GDP, USD trillions



Source: BEA, FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management

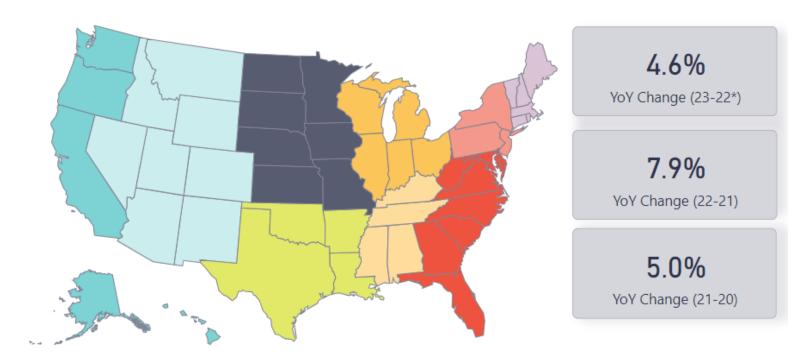
Data is based upon availability as of 9/13/2023



## **State of Economy**

Change in Consumer Price Index by Region

- East North Central
- East South Central
- Middle Atlantic
- Mountain
- New England
- Pacific
- South Atlantic
- West North Central
- West South Central



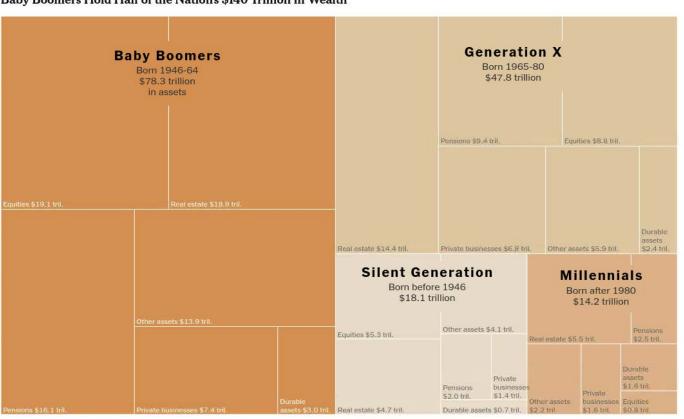
<sup>\*</sup>Change is the for the time period of January 2023 through June 2023 vs January 2022 through June 2022.



#### Megatrend: Historic Wealth Transfer

#### **Protect Your Estate and Your Heirs**

Baby Boomers Hold Half of the Nation's \$140 Trillion in Wealth



- \$140 trillion in wealth transfer
- Across multiple generations:
  - 50% Baby Boomers
  - 30% Gen X
  - 11% Silent Generation
  - 9% Millennials

Notes: As of the fourth quarter of 2022. The total amount accounts for liabilities, but the individual asset categories do not account for liabilities and do not add up to the \$140 trillion total. The total assets when not accounting for liabilities is \$158 trillion. Pensions include the present value of future benefits as well as the value of annuities sold by life insurance companies. Source: Federal Reserve



### **Expect Increased M&A Activity in 2024**

#### **Drivers**

- Looming debt maturity wall
- Margin pressures and need for investment and innovation
- Increasing complexity in revenue cycle and regulatory environment
- Succession
- Portfolio strategy regional density focus
- Capital allocation
- Privately Held and Non-Profit partnerships/relationships

Where are you in your business life cycle?

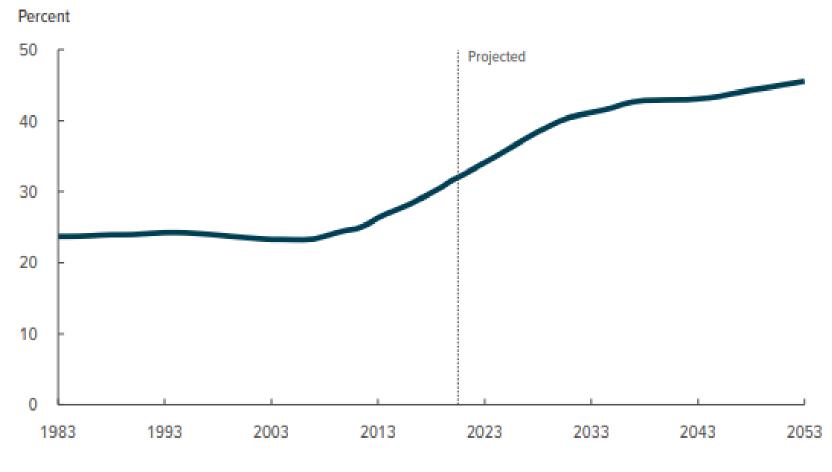


# **Eyes Are on the Population**



## **Demographics**

#### Population Age 65 or Older as a Share of the Population Ages 25 to 64



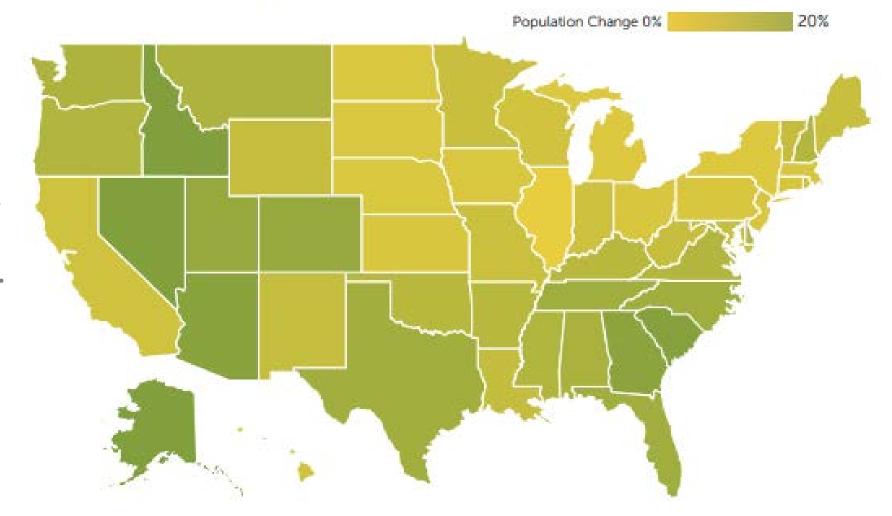
The percentage of people age 65 or older relative to the number of people ages 25 to 64 is projected to rise from 34 percent in 2023 to 46 percent in 2053.



## **Demographics**

85+ Population Growth from 2022 to 2028

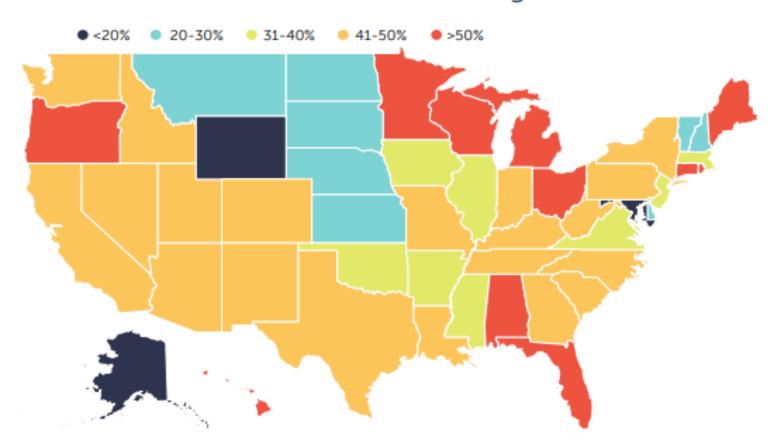
By 2028 there will be an estimated 622,000 more seniors 85 years old and older across the country.





## Value Based Care - CMS is Shifting Risk

2022 Median Medicare Advantage Enrollment

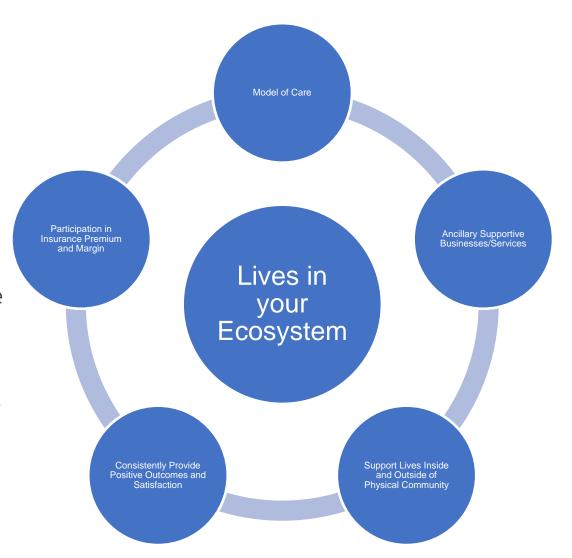


The MA market is maturing rapidly, with enrollment numbers steadily increasing. As of 2022, over 28 million individuals have chosen an MA plan, accounting for almost half (48%) of eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and this trend of enrollment penetration for MA plans is projected to continue. However, the penetration of MA plans varies significantly across different states and counties



#### **Care Coordination**

- The new era of consumers is focused on wellness and solutions. There is an increased emphasis on wellness improving and maintaining health and lifestyle.
- The number of 'solutions' to prevent and treat ailments are increasing at an exponential rate, however our health care system is fragmented, and the number of options is overwhelming. **Opportunity to provide coordinated solutions to consumers.**
- Focus on **high quality outcomes** and use data to validate your mission and tell your story.
- There is an **opportunity to elevate your value proposition** in this market, capturing more of the health care and wellness economy. This may require innovation, strategic partnerships, embracing alternative payment models, and investment of capital and talent.
- Seniors are the highest consumers of health care and CMS is shifting risk to private plans (Medicare Advantage) and alternative payment models at a **more rapid pace than predicted**.





### What to Focus on





#### What to Focus On

Elevating Your Business Acumen

Digital

Value Creation

Outsourcing/Support

Run faster, create leverage

Automation

Create Leverage

Tax Incentives

**Investment Strategy** 

SNF Reimbursement

Specific knowledge, e.g Market Research and Pricing Analysis

Risk – security & social engineering on the rise!

Your Value Proposition, Strategy & Execution

Diversification of services lines

Regional Density

Value based care -> proactive participation

Wellness Model, Care coordination



## **Digital**

- Senior Living & Care industry has a lot of valuable data; however, we have not historically invested to capture value.
- Operators and owners need to invest in their ability to use the data they already have:
  - Consistently
  - Simply
  - From Multiple Systems
- We need to use data to:
  - Make our workforce more efficient
  - Identify and influence decisions
  - **Empower** autonomy





Revenue	Expense	Labor	Pool	AR	W/C				
Proportional	Proportionality of Key Metrics by Site								
Facility 22122	Facili	Facility 88088	Facility 00922	Facility 22299	Facil				
				<b>\$</b> 9.72M					
\$15.27M	<b>\$</b> 12.6	6M	\$11.07M	Facility 00055					
Facility 00200	Facili	Facility 33599	Facility 88777	\$9.66M					
				Facility 00088					
\$14.27M	\$11.1	3M	\$10.10M	\$9.49M	\$8.79				



# 5 Common Pain Points



Lack of real-time data

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Systems not talking to each other



Disruption to legacy systems



Evolving industry structure & realignment



Recruiting & retention



#### **Value Creation**

#### Wealth Advisory

 Cash management and investment strategy to take advantage of current high interest rate environment

#### Tax Credits and Incentives

• 45L, WOTC, Property Tax Appeals, Cost Segregation Studies

#### Proactively Prepare for Business Transition

• Estate and Trust Planning, Optimizing Business Valuation

#### **SNFs**

• Evolving Reimbursement Landscape

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