

AALC Statement on Governor's Budget Address

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Karin Zosel, Executive Director of the Affordable Assisted Living Coalition (AALC), released the following statement on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, following Governor J.B. Pritzker's budget address:

"We commend the governor for a budget proposal that recognizes the enormous need, now more than ever, to protect Illinois seniors and people with disabilities, like those that we are entrusted to care for. Through new investments in supportive living providers, and over \$500 million in increased nursing home funding, Illinois can protect those in our care and provide the best services possible to our residents. The governor's budget proposal also prioritizes health services and providers who have been on the frontlines of this pandemic since it began and are a critical part of the overall care structure that we operate in.

By making additional investments in our Medicaid providers, we can protect the 3.5 million Illinoisans, especially our seniors and people with disabilities, served by the Medicaid system during the worst global health crisis in modern history. The Affordable Assisted Living Coalition looks forward to continuing to work with the administration and legislators to protect vulnerable citizens and make our state a nationwide leader in care for seniors and those with disabilities."

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