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Thank you for opportunity to speak about care requirements in nursing homes. I believe 4.1 hours per 24 is Minimum needed to provide safety and well being.

However I do sympathize with staffing issues because paying \$8.00 to \$12.00 to persons will not really give the quality of care if more hrs are mandated. Most nursing homes are costing 500\$ or more a day after Medicare stops paying which is a very limited time!

I think an examination into the ?profit? expectation of nursing home owners should be where we look to start to examine and limit seriously to save cost not limiting care!

I also think it is time we look at making at ?home care? work - if Medicare could pay for 4.1 hr of care for members in their home we could cut out a lot of use of nursing homes and make them more efficient by competition. Maybe nursing homes should stop being such a promising investment!