



GEORGIA COUNCIL ON AGING

## 2023 CO-AGE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Improvements to Assisted Living Communities



#### Medicaid Funding is Prohibited in Assisted Living & Personal Care Homes

Current laws prohibit Medicaid funding to residents in Assisted Living and large Personal Care Home facilities.

##### The Issue

##### The Ask

#### Remove Restrictions Against Medicaid Services

Remove restrictions against Medicaid benefits in Assisted Living and 25+ bed Personal Care Homes.

#### Medicaid Eligible Low-Income Seniors Need Services

These laws deprive Medicaid eligible low-income seniors of support services if they relocate to assisted living homes.

##### The Issue

##### The Ask

#### Allow Medicaid Services in AL and PCH Homes

Allow Medicaid CCSP/SOURCE services to be provided to eligible older adults wherever they call home

**Through the use of Medicaid, we have an ability to use a proven model that honors the timeless relevance of our precious seniors by providing the highest quality of housing and assistance with activities of daily living in a private home-based setting while significantly reducing the cost of the state."**

**-Daryl Jones, Senior VP Development Division, Integral**

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## Expand Senior Living Access without Mandates

Expand senior living access without mandating that providers agree to new options.

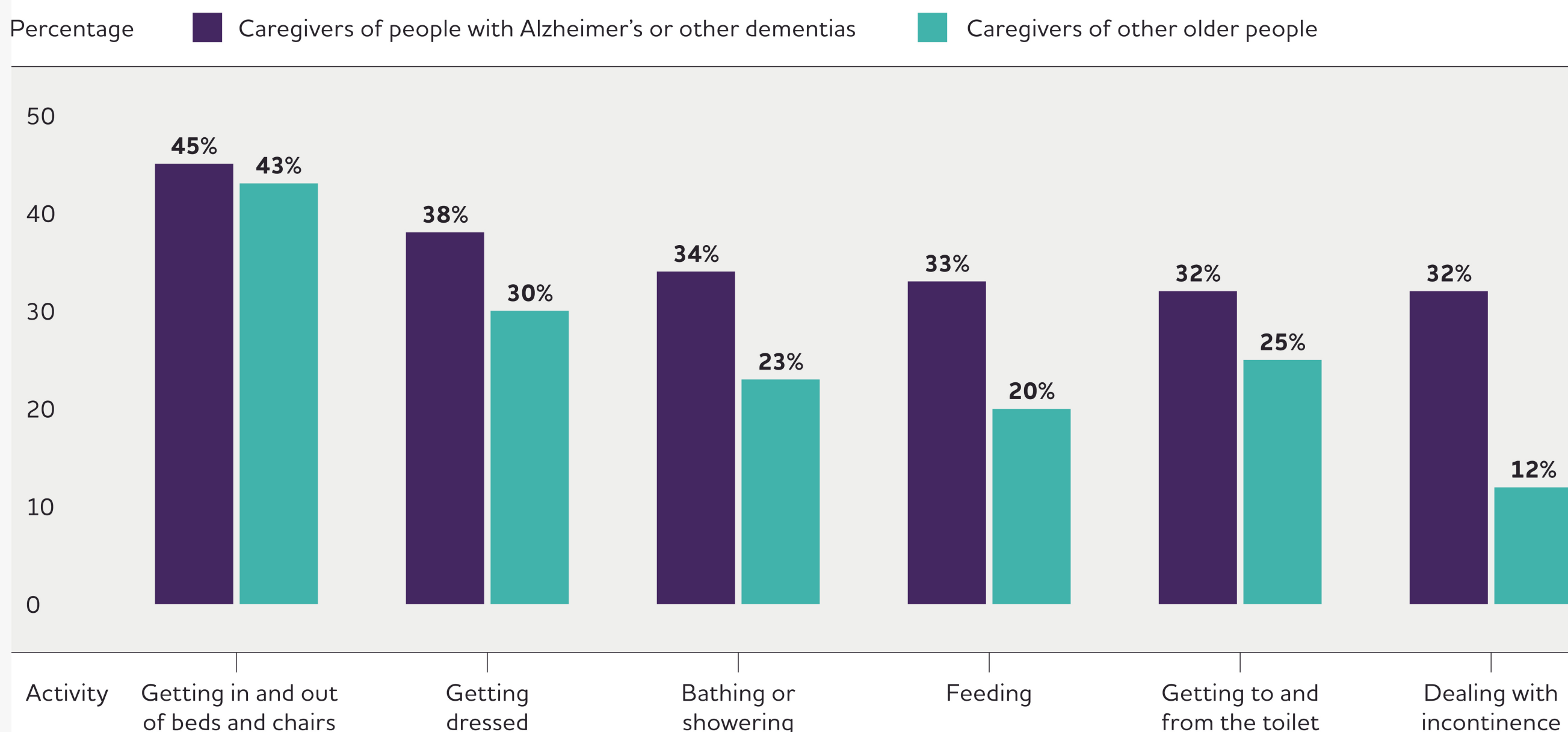
### The Issue

### The Ask

## Give Providers the Option to include Medicaid

Give Assisted Living providers the option of including Medicaid recipients among their residents.

Proportion of Caregivers of People with Alzheimer's or Other Dementias Versus Caregivers of Other Older People Who Provide Help with Specific Activities of Daily Living, United States, 2015



Created from data from the National Alliance for Caregiving in Partnership with the Alzheimer's Association.<sup>398</sup>

### About GCOA

The Council was created in 1977 by the Georgia Legislature to serve in an advisory capacity on aging issues to the Governor, General Assembly, Department of Human Services and all other state agencies.

### About CO-AGE

The Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE) is a diverse group of organizations, individuals, consumers, and providers interested in improving the quality of life for older Georgians through public policy.