

Alzheimer's is a Public Health Crisis Devastating **NORTH DAKOTA**

In 2020, **15,000** 
North Dakotans
were living with Alzheimer's.

By 2025 the number
is expected to increase by

6.7% 

In 2021 **19,000**
family caregivers provided


29 million
hours of unpaid care
valued at

 **\$526 million** 

In North Dakota, there are

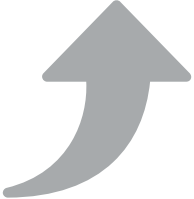
1,173
emergency department
visits per 1,000 people
with dementia

and a

18.4% 
dementia patient hospital
readmission rate

Medicaid costs of
caring for people with
Alzheimer's in 2020

\$190 million 

Medicaid costs
are expected
to increase by 2025. **13.2%** 

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What **NORTH DAKOTA** Officials Can Do to Address the Crisis



Dementia Care Services Program

The Alzheimer's Association has served North Dakota residents through the Dementia Care Services Program Since 2010 to improve disease management and increase family support to people living with dementia and their caregivers.

Services Provided

The Alzheimer's Association provides care consultation to individuals with memory loss and their care partners, physician outreach to inform health partners about the importance of early detection and diagnosis, and education through classes for the general public, professionals, care partners, medical professionals, and law enforcement. These services are all provided at no cost to the client.

What is the value of the Dementia Care Services Program?

An evaluation from the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences found that over a 42-month program period, the legislature appropriated an investment of \$2.2 million for the contract with estimated results of long-term care cost savings of \$39.2 million. These savings come in the form of fewer hospital or emergency related services and delays in placing a person with dementia in long-term care facilities.

The future of the Dementia Care Services Program

We are requesting an increase of \$305,000 to the existing contract. This increase will allow the Alzheimer's Association to add another staff member and expand service capacity into underserved communities across North Dakota.