



ACTION ALERT - Spread the Word About Constitutional Amendment #1

Early voting is October 21-28 (except Sunday) from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Before you cast your vote, be sure you know the facts about Constitutional Amendment #1.

THE FACTS: If passed, this amendment will protect the rates nursing homes and other institutions get paid*, leaving all home and community-based services for senior adults and people with disabilities "unprotected" and more vulnerable to cuts in times of budget shortfalls. **Funding for all of the following services will be more vulnerable:**

- Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities (EarlySteps)
- Waiver services that assist seniors and people with disabilities to live at home
- Hospice services
- Home health services
- Mental health services
- Employment services for people with disabilities
- Councils on Aging
- Colleges and universities

**Rates for nursing homes and institutions could only be reduced in the future under very specific conditions and only with a 2/3 vote of the legislature.*

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Get out and vote this week or on election day, November 4th.
2. Share the facts with family, friends, neighbors, and legislators.

WHAT TO SHARE

**Share the information below in conversation,
email, or on social media.**

Here is a link to a printable fact sheet with the amendment language and talking points related to its impact

[Impact of Constitutional Amendment #1](#)

Here are links to a couple of news articles sharing the potential negative impacts on both home and community-based services and colleges/universities.

[Amendment would protect health care money, but at what cost?](#)

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[Amendments may lead to deeper budget cuts later](#)

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