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Welcome & Opening Remarks

Susan DeMarois
Director, CA Department of Aging

Erika Castile
Member, California Commission on Aging; and Executive Director, Jacob Healthcare Center

A Caregiver's Perspective

Holly Lewis, *Caregiver & Advocate*

Policy Overview and Context

Nicole Howell

Executive Director, Empowered Aging;

2021-22 Health and Aging Policy Fellow

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Title: Reimagining Nursing Homes: Emerging Federal and State Opportunities
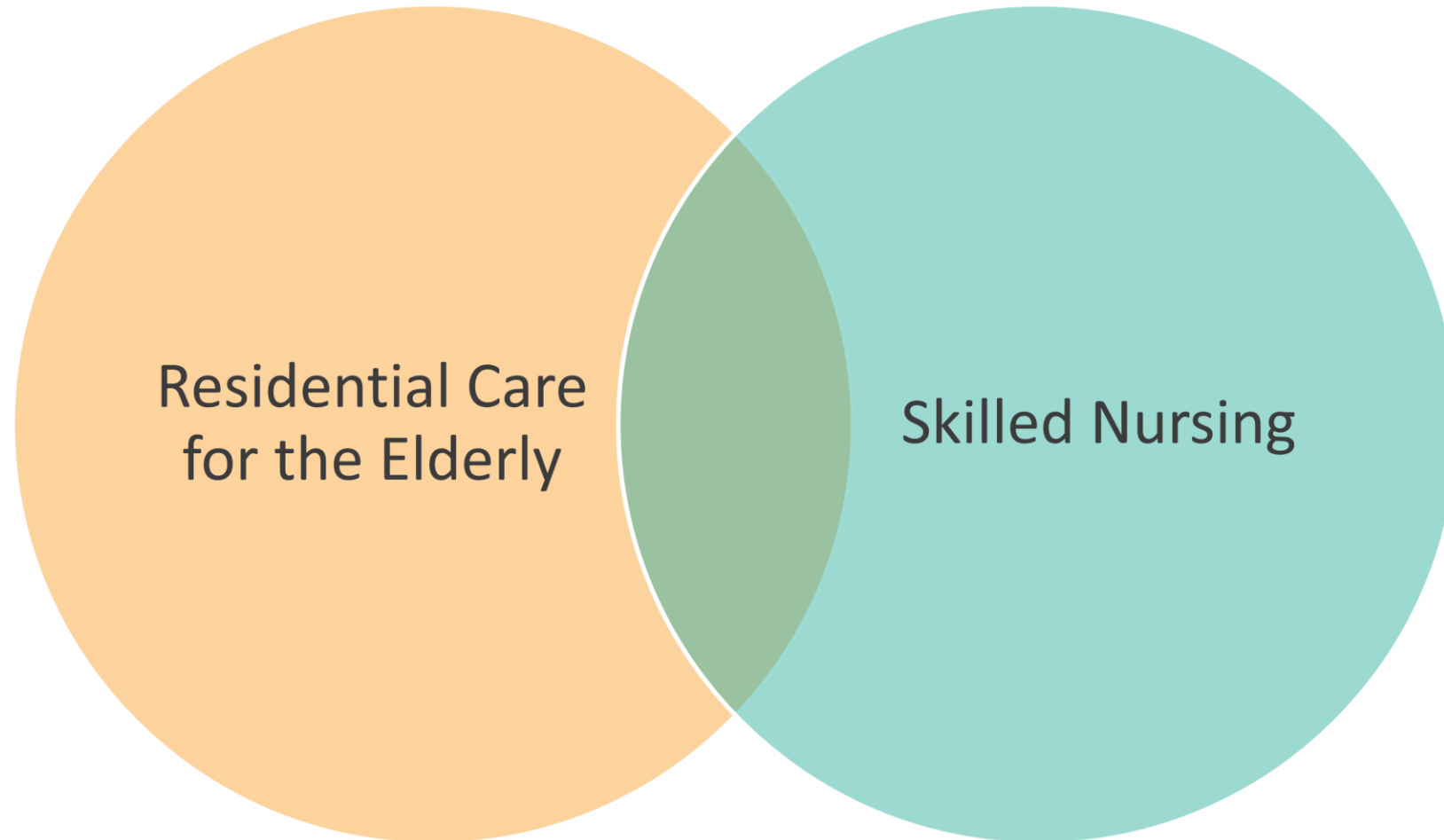
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"Most people don't grow up. Most people age. They find parking spaces, honor their credit cards, get married, have children, and call that maturity. What that is, is aging."
— **Maya Angelou**

Aging is hard
– Marilee Howell

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Long-Term Care – The Congregate Kind

Residential Care for the Elderly

Skilled Nursing

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Who is in Charge Here?

Federal and State Regulations

Peter Schrank

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What informs LTC Policy

- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services(CMS)
- MedPac – Advises Congress on Medicare Payment
- MacPac – Policy and data analysis related to MediCaid/MediCal to Congress
- Section 1819 of the Social Security Act
- Conditions of Participation - 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B
- Department of Justice
- Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987
- Affordable Care Act
- Older Americans Act/Older Californians Act
- MediCal Long-Term Care Carve In

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Your Participation Matters

- CMS Quality Conference
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Submit Comments

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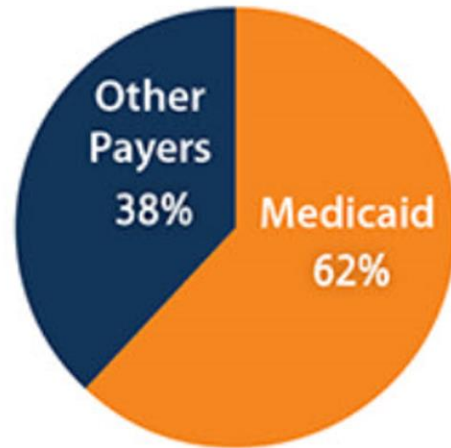SERVICES *of Contra Costa*
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Paying for LTC

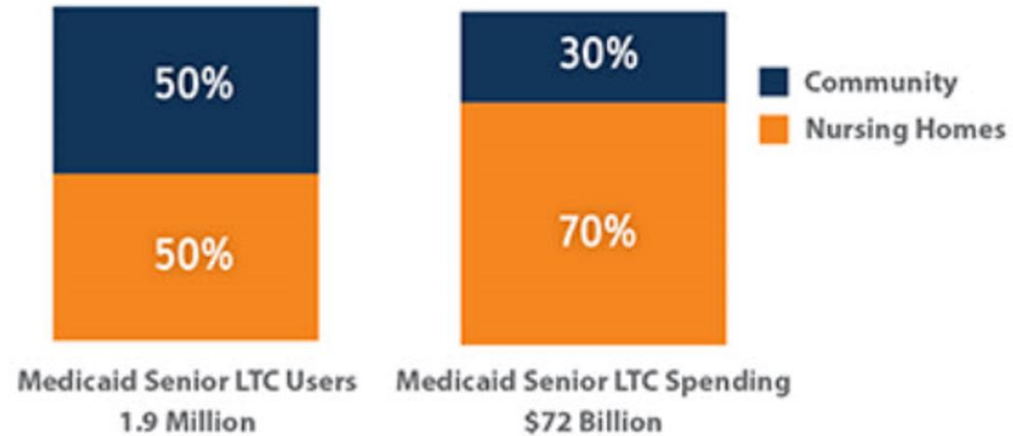## Medicaid is the Primary Payer for Nursing Home Care, Providing Needed Services not Offered by Other Coverage

Medicaid is the **primary payer** for long-term care, including **$55 billion** in 2015 for nursing homes. Medicare only covers limited post-acute care, and few people can afford private coverage.

Medicaid covers **6 in 10** nursing home residents.

Other Payers 38%

Medicaid 62%

50% of seniors using Medicaid long-term care services in 2013 were in nursing homes, accounting for **70%** of seniors' Medicaid spending on long-term care.

50%
50%

Medicaid Senior LTC Users
1.9 Million

30%
70%

Medicaid Senior LTC Spending
$72 Billion

■ Community
■ Nursing Homes

https://www.kff.org/infographic/medicaids-role-in-nursing-home-care/

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AB 1629 – The Reauthorization

- AB 1629 (2004)establishes the Medi-Cal Long-Term Care Reimbursement Act, which mandated a facility- specific rate-setting methodology effective on August 1, 2005

- The cost-based reimbursement rate methodology is intended to reflect the costs and staffing levels associated with the quality of care for residents

- The facility-specific cost-based per diem payment for FS/NF-Bs is based on the sum of the projected costs of the major cost categories, each subject to ceilings

- Cost components for direct care/indirect labor costs

The current framework sunsets December 31, 2022. The Department proposes to extend and reform the funding framework to move from a primarily cost-based methodology to one that incentivizes value and quality

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White House Initiative

- Ensuring Taxpayer Dollars Support Nursing Homes That Provide Safe, Adequate, and Dignified Care

- Enhancing Accountability and Oversight

- Increasing Transparency

- Creating Pathways to Good-paying Jobs with the Free and Fair Choice to Join a Union

- Ensuring Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness in Nursing Homes

https://wwww.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/02/28/fact-sheet-protecting-seniors-and-people-with-disabilities-by-improving-safety-and-quality-of-care-in-the-nations-nursing-homes/

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Panel Discussion:
Exploring the Federal and State Policy Opportunities

Blanca Castro, CA State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Eric Carlson, Directing Attorney, Justice in Aging

Heather Craig, Executive Director, Eskaton Care Center, Greenhaven

Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Empowered Aging; 2021-22 Health and Aging Policy Fellow

Moderated by Sarah Steenhausen, California Department of Aging

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