Our Ask: $650k additional general funds per year to ensure a 5% increase for direct service providers of Choices for Independence (CFI) home-based services.

Why? Money currently included in the budget would only provide an increase of approximately 2%. Most of these providers have not had an increase in over a DECADE!

Who are services provided to? CFI services are provided to elderly and adults with physical disabilities who qualify for nursing home care. CFI services allow people who want to age at home to do so. However, due to an inadequate work force and processing delays, our aging loved ones are currently waiting months to receive the services they need in order to stay in their homes and live healthy lives.

This problem is only going to increase as NH’s population ages. Did you know that NH residents age 65 and older will more than double from 2010 to 2040 and will triple for people age 85 and older?

Is CFI cost-effective? YES! As you can imagine, it is much more cost-effective to support people in their homes than in an institution.

In fact, CFI services cost about 30% of what nursing home care costs.

What providers would receive the increase?
- Mid-level residential care
- Adult Daycare
- Personal Care
- Adult Family Care
- Adult in Home Care
- Case Management
- Community Transition
- Respite Care
- Home delivered meals
- Medication dispensing
- Non-medical transportation

Who are these providers?
Home and community based service providers are productive members of our society who act as an economic engine in their communities, paying rent and buying groceries. However at current wages, the cost of living in New Hampshire can be a struggle.

As Governor Sununu said, “We pay people more money to wash dishes than we pay them to watch and care for our loved ones...we pay toll collectors more than nursing assistants. Does anyone wonder why we have shortages among healthcare workers?”

Supporting Organizations
- AARP-NH
- Adult Day Association
- Alzheimer’s Association of MA/NH
- Ascentria
- Bayada Home Health Care
- Child and Family Services
- CAP Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.
- Crotched Mountain Community Care
- Disability Rights Center-NH
- Easterseals
- EngAGING NH
- Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.
- Granite State Home Health Association
- Life Coping
- The Moore Center
- New Futures
- Newport Senior Center d/b/a
- Sullivan County Nutrition Services
- NH Association of Residential Care Homes
- NH Chapter of National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- NH Legal Assistance
- NH Public Health Association
- Oral Healthcare@Home, Inc.
- Rockingham Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program
- St. Joseph Community Services, Inc.
- Strafford Nutrition Meals on Wheels
- Victory Women of Vision