Michigan seniors are waiting for care.

Older adults who need a little help to stay safely at home are stuck on wait lists. The longer they wait, the greater the risk of a fall, a hospital stay or a move to a nursing home.

6,829

older Michiganders on wait lists at the end of FY 2026

5,714 for in-home services

1,115 for home-delivered meals

5×

more likely to end up in a nursing home while waiting for help[1]

96

people kept out of a Medicaid nursing home for one year pays for this entire request[2]

What they're waiting for

Home-delivered meals

A healthy meal and a daily check-in at the door

Personal care

Help with bathing, dressing and getting around

Homemaker help

Light housework, laundry and errands

Respite care

A needed break for family caregivers

OUR FY 2027 BUDGET REQUEST

$10 million to end the wait

A permanent increase in the state Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS) budget

$8M In-Home Services

$2M Home-Delivered Meals

Legislators

Support the Silver Key request in the FY 2027 ACLS budget so no older adult has to wait for help at home.

Community members

Tell your state legislator this matters to you. Find yours at house.mi.gov and senate.michigan.gov.

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[1] [Source for the 5× statistic]

[2] Based on an average annual Medicaid nursing home cost of $[XXX,XXX].

Silver Key Coalition

Making Michigan a **No-Wait State** for senior in-home services

NEW THIS YEAR

Some help isn't enough help.

Thousands of older Michiganders already get services, but less than they need: fewer meals or fewer hours of help at home than it takes to stay safe. They're not on a wait list, so their need is easy to miss.

4,734
older Michiganders were underserved at the end of FY 2026

2,841
need more home-delivered meals than they now receive

1,893
need more in-home help, like personal care or respite

Where older adults stand today

On a wait list	Underserved	Fully served
No services yet. Covered by our $10 million wait list request.	Getting some services, but not enough. **This request.**	Getting the help they need to stay safely at home.

NEW IN OUR FY 2027 REQUEST

$4.8 million to close the gap

In addition to the $10 million wait list request, in the state Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS) budget

$2.9M Home-Delivered Meals

$1.9M In-Home Services

Legislators

Fund the full need in the FY 2027 ACLS budget: both the wait list and the underserved.

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Counts are statewide as of the end of FY 2026. Source: [data source]