Colorado Impact of Medicare's Proposed Home Health Cuts

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed a **permanent 7.69% payment cut** to Medicare home health beginning in 2023 and a steep **\$2 billion "clawback" cut** beginning in 2024, with the potential for additional cuts in the years beyond. This cut equates to a **\$1.33 billion cut** from home healthcare in 2023 alone. In total, these cuts could reach **\$18.15 billion** over the next ten years.

Access to Medicare home health services is vital to the health, safety, and rehabilitation of older Americans. If implemented, these payment reductions will jeopardize the stability of this vital sector and risk access to Medicare home health services.





Number of Medicare Home Health Beneficiaries **31,488**

> Number of Home Health Agencies 142

Annual Economic Impact of Home Health \$1,438,873,821

> Impact of 7.69% Cut to HH in 2023 **-\$7,023,816**

Impact of \$2B Clawback for Care Provided in 2020 & 2021 -\$17,300,728

> Estimated Impact of Clawback for 2022 -\$10,343,991

Total Impact of Cuts in 2023 -\$34,668,535

Impact of Total Cuts as a Percentage of Medicare HH Revenue 21.9% cut out of \$158,161,231

Percentage of Home Health Agencies with Margins Below Zero **61.0%**

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