

Alzheimer's Care is Top Long Term Care Cost

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The American Association for Long-term Care Insurance recently reported that Alzheimer's disease claims make up 25 percent of yearly reimbursement requests. Alzheimer's affects some 5.4 million Americans and one in eight American adults suffers from the disease.

Last year claims for reimbursement citing Alzheimer's as the primary diagnosis topped \$6.6 billion for more than 200,000 insured. Recent data from Medicare and Medicaid puts the costs at \$140 billion; by 2050, that number could grow to as much as \$1.1 trillion.

"The rate of spending is unsustainable," says Jesse Slome, executive director of the Association. Slome goes on to state that if people are concerned about reimbursement from federal and state government resources for the costs of care, that personal planning in advance of a diagnosis might be wise. Although long term care insurance coverage is out there, many insurance companies are no longer offering it. The expense has simply been too great to bear.

Getting Legal Help

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