

# Aging with Dignity

## A California Initiative

- Unveiled by Governor Gray Davis in his January 2000 State of the State Address
- \$516 million (\$270.5 million general fund)
- *Helping Seniors and Disabled Adults Live Independent Lives*
- *Investing in the Long Term Care Workforce*
- *Improving Care Facilities*
- *Strengthening Fiscal Standards of Facilities*

“Our approach - consistent with our values - should be to keep families together by providing the services older Californians need to remain in their own homes, instead of nursing homes.” - Governor Gray Davis

# “Aging with Dignity”

## Core Principles:

Available services for older Californians who want options and choices to help them live at home.

Better standards to assure safety and quality of care for those whose “home” is a nursing home.

Community partnerships to help make options, choices, and better standards of care a reality for our elderly population.

# The Demographics

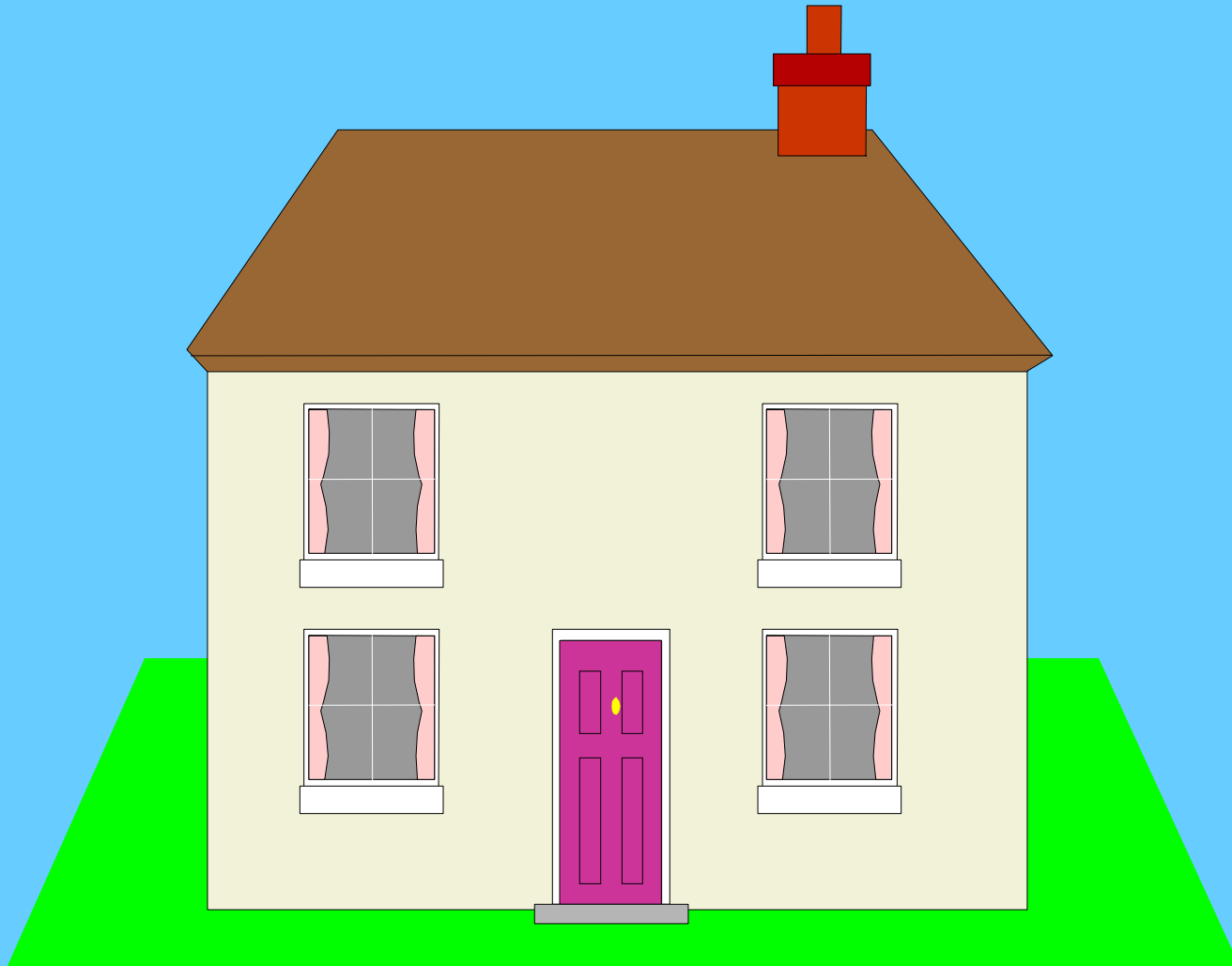
- ◆ California has the largest elder population in the country, with 19% (or over 600,000) more elders than the next highest state.
  - ◆ 3.3 million 65+ in California
  - ◆ 2.8 million 65+ in Florida
- ◆ The number of Californians age 60+ will grow 154% over the next 40 years.
- ◆ By 2010, 1 in 5 Californians will be 60+.

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# The Demographics, continued

- ◆ The fastest growing aging population group is 85 years and older. Today 1 in 77 Californians are 85+; in 2010, 1 in 62 will be 85+; and by 2040 this will decrease to 1 in 34.
- ◆ The rate of dementia in the 85+ age group is 47%.
- ◆ California's older population will be increasingly non-white. Minorities who are 60 years of age and older will increase by 350% between 2000 and 2040.
- ◆ Families provide 80% of all care at home - unpaid, informal.

# Seniors Want to Feel “at Home”... No Matter Where They Live



# Promotion of Independent Living

- **Long Term Care Tax Credit** - \$500 annually to taxpayers offset direct costs of long term care
- **Long-Term Care Innovation Grants** \$14.8 million for innovative community-based models that foster independence
- **Senior Housing Information and Support Center** \$1 million annually to centralize housing and home modification information

# Promotion of Independent Living

- **Senior Wellness Education Campaign**  
\$1 million to promote health aging practices and access to community services
- **Reduce Out-of-Pocket Expenses for Medi-Cal Eligible Aged and Disabled**  
\$47 million (\$23.5 million general fund)
- **In-Home Supportive Services Wage Increases** - \$354.4 million ( \$167 million general fund) Also extends health benefits

# Long Term Care Workforce

- **Train Employees to be Caregivers** - \$25 million - federal Workforce Investment Act funds; also targets Welfare-to-Work funds for recruitment, retention, and training
- **Increase Nursing Home Employee Wages** \$67 million general funding for additional 5% wage increases (above the 1999 5%)
- **Review Staff-to-Patient Ratios in Nursing Homes** - recommendations due May, 2001

# Improving Care Facilities

- **Increase Unannounced Inspections of Nursing Homes** - \$7.5 million (\$3 million general fund)
- **Quality Awards for Exemplary Nursing Homes** - Cash awards (\$20,000 to \$50,000 each year) for high quality - \$10 million (\$8 million general fund)
- **Expand Review of Poor Performing Nursing Homes** - \$4 million (\$2.5 general fund)

# Improving Care Facilities

- **Guarantee Rapid Response to Nursing Home Complaints** - \$3.9 million (\$2.2 general fund) for 24-hour response (non-emergency complaints)
- **Increase Posting of Ombudsman Posters in Licensed Facilities** - \$100 per day fines for noncompliance
- **Authorize State License Revocation for State and Federal Violations**

# Improving Care Facilities

- **Provide for Provisional (Probationary) Licensure Status for Facilities with Most Serious Care Problems**
- **Increase Fines for Serious or Repeat Violations/Direct Referral to District Attorneys for Serious Violations -**  
\$100,000 fine for death (up from range of \$5,000 to \$25,000) and \$2,000 to \$20,000 for serious harm (up from range of \$1,000 to \$10,000)

# Improving Care Facilities

- **Increase the Expenditure Cap on the State Health Facility Citation Fund** - increases the funding cap for handling court-appointed receiverships (or to replace patient trust accounts or personal possessions) from \$1 million to \$10 million (prior to the Initiative, an excess of \$1 million was transferred to the general fund)

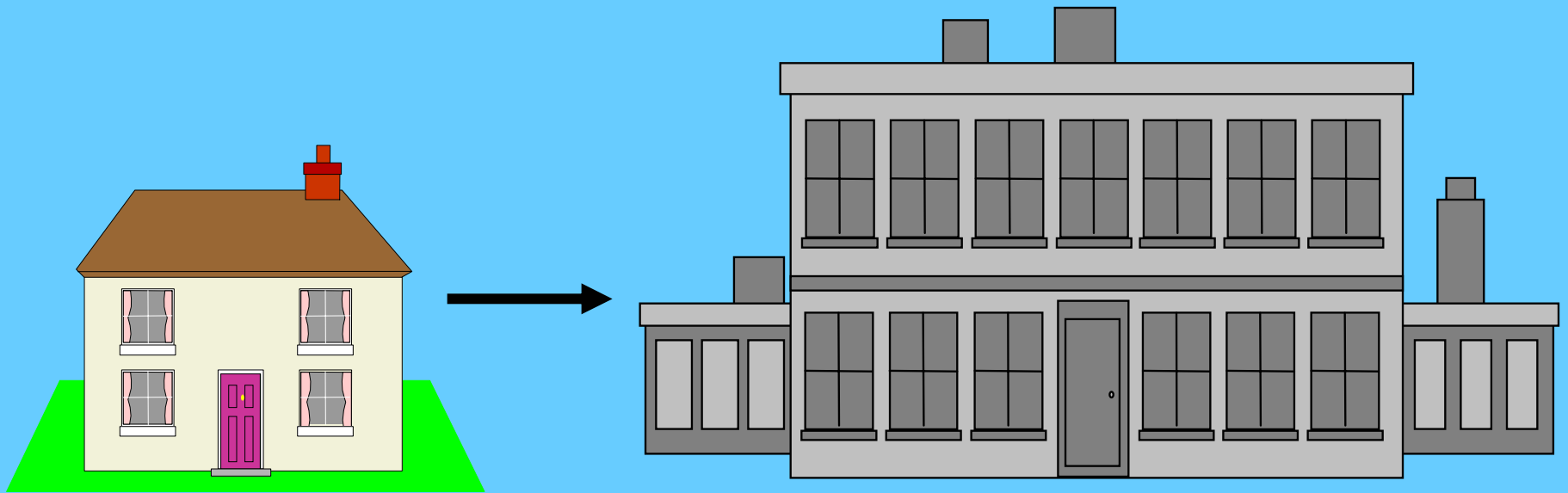
# Strengthening Fiscal Standards

- **Establishes a Fiscal Solvency Review Advisory Board** - aimed at preventing bankruptcies and disruptions in care by establishing new fiscal standards and reporting requirements for nursing facility licensees
- **Authorizes a Temporary State Manager for facilities**

# Strengthening Fiscal Standards

- **Allows the State to Recover Costs of Court Appointed Receivers from Substandard Licensees** (Parent Corporations or Individual Owners)

# The Difference Between Independence Today and Dependence Tomorrow Can Be Just A “Fall” Away...



Approximately 29,435 Californians age 65+ suffer hip fractures each year, resulting in annual direct medical costs of over \$367 million.

**State  
Coordination  
LTC Council  
(AB 452)**

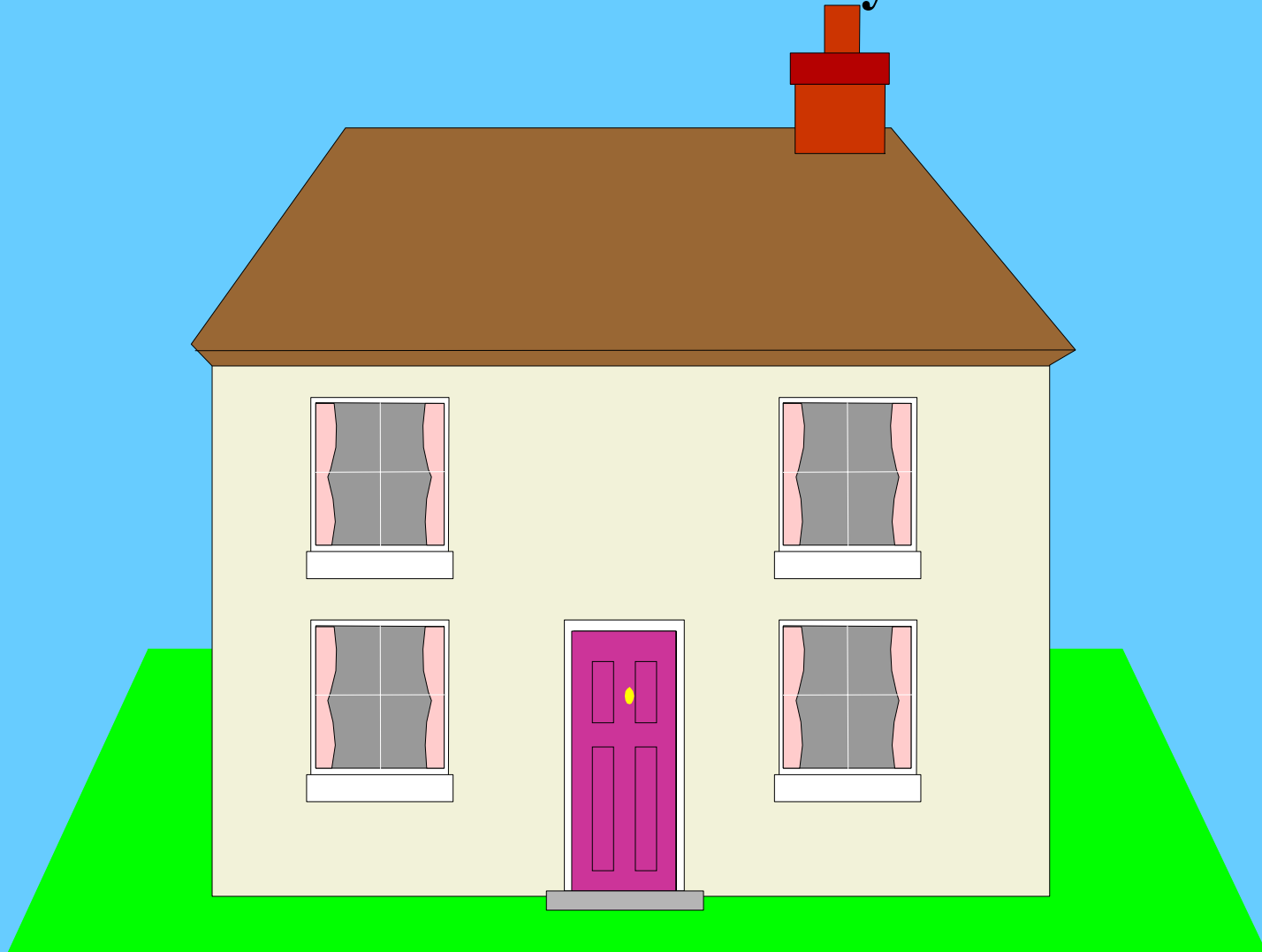
**Technology  
(AB 27)**

**Aging with  
Dignity**

**Available  
Services &  
Choices**

**Nursing Home  
Regulation/  
Enforcement**

**“Aging with Dignity” Objective:**  
**Older Californians Can Feel “at Home” and safe ...**  
**No Matter Where They Live!**



# Aging with Dignity:

an *ABC* approach ...

Available Services, with Choices

Better Standards of Care

Community Partnerships

# Establishment of a California Long-Term Care Council

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# Overarching Concept

The Long-Term Care Council will serve as the interdepartmental, interagency council to, among other things, coordinate long-term care policy development and program operations and develop a strategic plan for long-term care policy

# Long Term Care Council (LTC) Membership

- Chairman - Secretary, Health and Human Services Agency
- Council Members - Directors of eight core departments: Aging, Developmental Services, Health Services, Mental Health, Rehabilitation, Social Services, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, and Veterans Services

# LTC Council Mission and Vision

- **Mission** - To provide state-level leadership in developing a coordinated long-term care system that includes a full array of services, that promotes personal choice and independence while also assuring fiscal responsibility and equitable access to all long-term care consumers.
- **Vision** - A long-term care system that supports consumer dignity and independence, provides a full array of care options, and is cost effective.

# LTC Council Values

- Focus on Prevention
- Respect for Diversity
- Honoring Choice, Dignity, Independence, and Quality of Life
- Seeking Input from Consumers, Family Caregivers, and the Community
- Improving Access to Timely, Complete, and User-Friendly Information and Services

# LTC Council Values

- Developing a Full Array of Services
- Using Assistive and Other Forms of Technology
- Expanding the Availability of Palliative Care
- Developing Service Coordination Strategies to Assure That Consumers Receive the Right Service at the Right Time
- Supporting Caregivers

# LTC Council Values

- Long-Term Care Workforce Availability
- Encouraging Flexibility and Innovation
- Need for Improved Program Information to Facilitate Strategic Planning
- Providing Education on the Risk of Needing Long-Term Care and Viable Options Available to Plan Ahead for that Potential Need
- Assuring Responsible Stewardship

# LTC Council Priorities

- Seeking Input from Consumers
- Consumer Information Work Group
- Challenge Grant Implementation
- Coordinating Community LTC Services Work Group
- Assessment Tools and Process for Transitions Into/Out of Nursing Facilities Work Group

# LTC Council Priorities

- Data Development Work Group
- Assisted Living Work Group
- Regulatory Licensing Process Work Group
- Continue the Long-Term Care Council's Strategic Planning Process