



Maine Health Care Association

PNMI Appendix C facilities, also known as Residential Care, is Maine's version of Medicaid assisted living. While attention is focused on nursing homes and home based care, the PNMI's are often forgotten.

Following policy set in the mid 1990s, Maine depends on assisted living more than most states. That is a big reason why Maine ranks 38th in nursing home beds per 1,000 people over age 65. The number of nursing home beds has decreased by 30% since the PNMI system was created.

According to DHHS, almost a quarter of PNMI residents would qualify for nursing home care, even with Maine's high medical eligibility requirements.

Resident needs are increasing. Case mix indexes have increased by 30% since 1998.

The average PNMI resident has characteristics similar to what most people associate with nursing homes:

Average age is 83

88% have no spouse

47% have a dementia diagnosis (compares to 14% in homecare)

16% had fallen within the past 30 days, 30% within 31-180 days

The median rate paid to PNMI's is \$101.73 per day, approximately half of what a nursing home receives.

PNMI's rate increases have been rare in the period from 2004 – 2014.

FY 2004	0%
FY 2005	0%
FY 2006	2%
FY 2007	2%
FY 2008	0%
FY 2009	0%
FY 2010	0%
FY 2011	0%
FY 2012	1%
FY 2013	0%
FY 2014	0%

In 2012, PNMI's were underpaid by \$5.5 million. Statewide, 75% of PNMI residents are covered by MaineCare. Thirty eight facilities were over 90% MaineCare in the August 2014 State census and fourteen were 100% MaineCare.

One PNMI closed this summer for financial reasons (Volmer's Country Living). The same economic factors that affect the viability of nursing homes are applicable to the PNMI's.