

# Caregiving in 2022: How Employers Can Help



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# Who is a Caregiver?

It may not be who you think.

#### What Makes Someone a Caregiver?



Transportation, shopping, household upkeep, financial support, medical & health care, cooking, scheduling, day-to-day care, emotional support, etc.

When you start doing things for someone because they can no longer - or should no longer - do it for themselves, you have become a caregiver.

Caregiving responsibilities include tasks which can require a great deal of time and energy.



## **Elderly Caregiver Responsibilities**

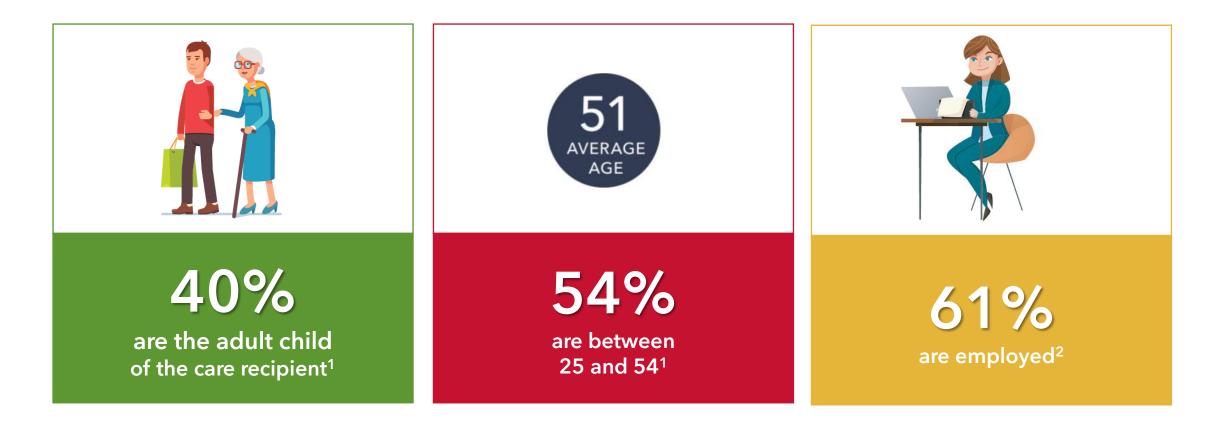


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#### Who Are Caregivers?



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<sup>2</sup>National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, Caregiving in the United States 2020, May 2020 <u>https://www.aarp.org/ppi/info-2020/caregiving-in-the-united-states.html</u> (Accessed on 01/19/2022)



## **Caregiver Identification Issue**

"We need people to identify as caregivers. A lot of people think of themselves as a really good daughter, wife or husband, but they don't see themselves in a caregiver role...and they don't see it as something they can talk to their bosses about."

- Laura Poskin,

Director of United for Seniors at United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, included in Modern Caregiving Challenges Facing U.S. Employee

Torchlight Study, Modern Caregiving Challenges Facing U.S. Employees, November 2018 <u>https://www.torchlight.care/news/report-employees-caregiving-challenges</u> (Accessed on 04/24/20)





# The Employee Caregiving Crisis

Employees deal with mental, emotional and financial strain due to their caregiving responsibilities.

## **Caregiving Crisis**

The rising cost of healthcare, care providers and changing household dynamics has put tremendous pressure on employees trying to balance work and caregiving responsibilities.

| <ul> <li>18% of caregivers reported high financial strain as a result of caregiving.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>On average, caregivers pay a total of \$6,000 in out-of-pocket expenses during their tenure.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>48% of caregivers reported feeling a high level of stress.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>51% say caregiving has negatively affected their personal health and well-being.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul> | Economic Impact                                 | Health & Emotional Impact                |
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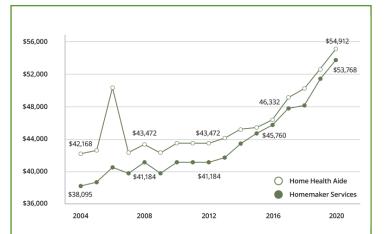
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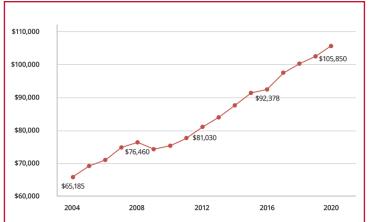


## The Cost of Care is Rising

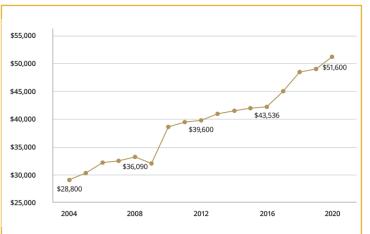
In-Home Care



#### **Private Room Nursing Home**



#### **Assisted Living Facility**



\$24

National Hourly Cost for a Home Health Aide in 2020 \$105,850

Median yearly cost of a private room in 2020 in a nursing home in the United States 79.17% Increase in Assisted Living Facility Costs since 2004

Genworth Cost of Care Survey Insights 2004-2020

https://www.genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care/cost-of-care-trends-and-insights.html (Accessed on 01/24/22)



## Real Concerns From Real Employee Caregivers

#### Mom won't even consider moving.

But she just can't manage the house anymore. I just want her to be safe, and it's a big fight every time we talk. My sisters are no help. None of us can agree on what to do, and we all live in different parts of the country.

#### I don't know what to do.

#### I'm worried about my dad's driving.

He insists that he's fine, but I've noticed that the car has all sorts of new dings and scrapes on it. Dad just complains about other drivers being incompetent. We may need to get dad off the road.

#### Help!



#### **Real Concerns From Real Employee Caregivers**

#### I live in Los Angeles. My parents are in Rhode Island.

Who can I contact to learn more about services where they live, since I'm the only family they have, and I can't get out there often enough to be sure they're really okay?

## My mother-in-law has lived with us for almost 25 years.

In the past few years, since a fall, fractured hip, and dementia, she has been receiving support through Medicaid. Whenever an aide leaves, it is a struggle. Both my wife and I work, so it is a challenge to balance her care and work until someone new is available.

What options do we have?



# Caregiving & COVID-19

Exacerbating an already difficult situation, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed a spotlight on the caregiving crisis.

## The "New Normal"

For some, the "new normal" means finding a quiet space to work alongside their spouses or partners, while worrying about the COVID-19 situation as their children return to school.

For others, the challenges are far more intense, because they are caring for an elderly family member with potentially complex issues while trying to work a normal day.

There are consistently more negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on family caregivers compared to non-caregivers.<sup>1</sup> <image><section-header><section-header><image><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header>

of caregivers also have children under the age of 18 at home.<sup>2</sup>

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## **Changes in Caregiving**

#### **Physical, Emotional and Financial Toll**

- 22% reported that COVID-19 has made providing care more physically difficult
- 56% said it was more **emotionally** difficult
- 20% said it was more **financially** difficult.

23% of family caregivers said the COVID-19 pandemic has required changes in caregiving arrangements, or in who is providing care.



63% reported that the pandemic has increased caregiving efforts or duties.

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## Real Concerns From Real Employee Caregivers

#### I might have the coronavirus

But tests are not available, so we had to find someone else to help until I know for sure.

This has greatly complicated our ability to get my mother the care she needs.

This increased our duties because we've had to make extra phone calls to facilitate her care instead of just making an appointment and showing up.

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## Real Concerns From Real Employee Caregivers

#### **Very Lonely**

It's long days with no outlet for stress relief via getting outside or talking to other people.

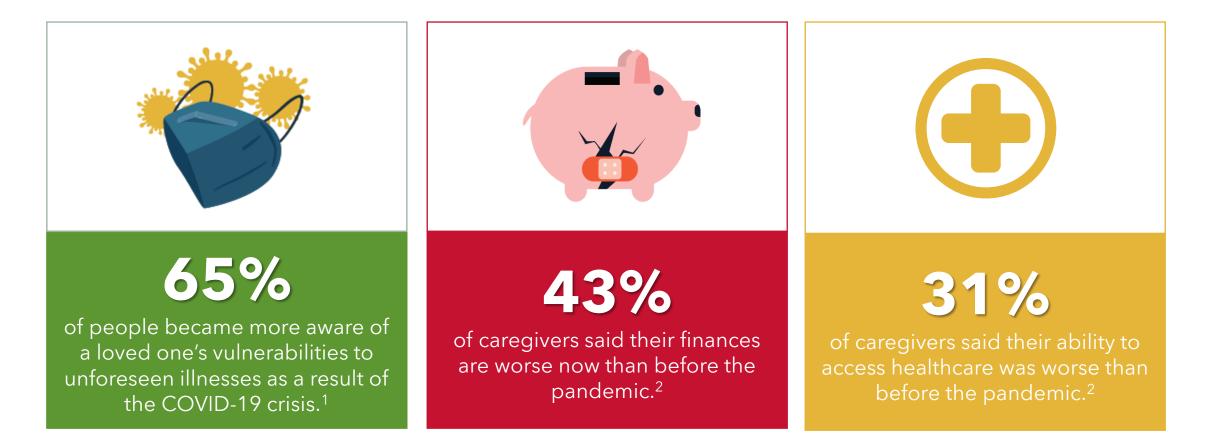
## Increased Caregiving needs during COVID-19

I'm providing a higher degree of emotional support (frequent phone calls, visiting almost daily, ordering food for her), providing more assistance with household chores, and I've increased shopping online and grocery shopping for her.

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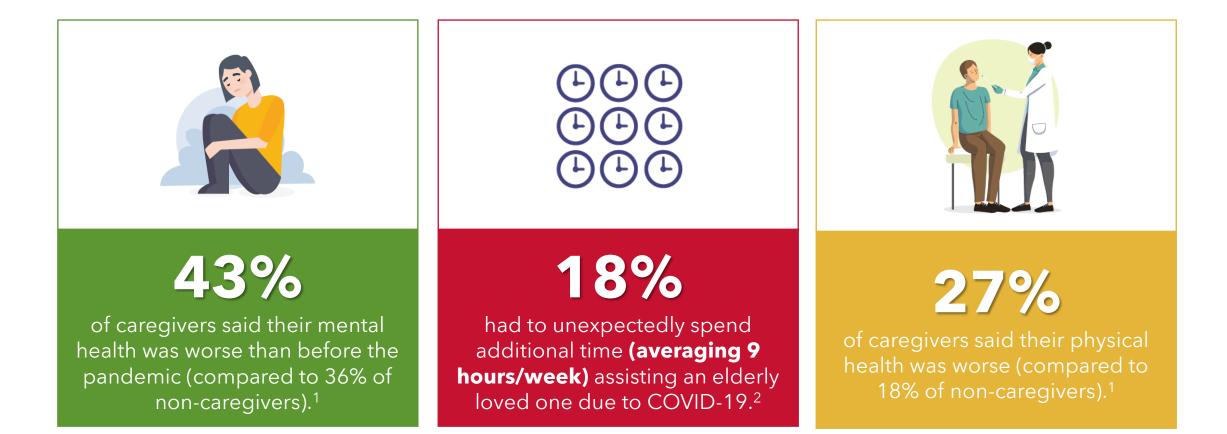
#### **Financial & Medical Impact on Caregivers**



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## **Added Stress and Time Strains**



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# Impact on Employers

U.S. companies are facing a caregiving crisis, and most are looking for a comprehensive solution.

## The Caregiving Crisis and Employers

The caregiving crisis is causing increased turnover, increased absenteeism, reduced productivity, and loss of institutional knowledge.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>The Caring Company <u>https://www.hbs.edu/managing-the-future-of-work/Documents/The\_Caring\_Company.pdf</u>(Accessed on 04/22/20) <sup>2</sup>Genworth Beyond Dollars Study 2021.



#### Impact on Employers' Bottom Line

When it becomes difficult to balance caregiving with work, or if the demands of work come into conflict with one's caregiving responsibilities, sometimes caregivers choose to or are forced to make changes to their work situation.<sup>1</sup>

**53% of employees** report going in late, leaving early or taking time off due to caregiving responsibilities<sup>1</sup> The increased annual healthcare cost to employers of employees with caregiving responsibilities is up to \$34 Billion annually.<sup>2</sup>

**61% of workers** say that helping loved ones has impacted their employment situation<sup>1</sup> **32% of workers** left a job due to caregiving a third of them leaving because they had to care for a senior with daily needs.<sup>3</sup>

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## **Protect Your Workforce**

Now more than ever, your employees need benefits that can help them find care for their aging loved ones so they can focus on their work.

## What Can Employers Do?

#### Communicate

#### **Be Flexible**

#### **Offer Support**

**52% of employers** do not measure, and thus do not understand, the extent to which their employees are burdened by care.<sup>1</sup> Try to get a better **understanding** of everyone's individual situations. Offering flexible scheduling options (flexible work hours, work-from-home, etc.) can help your employees balance their responsibilities. Build in extra time for important projects and set clear expectations around deadlines.

Provide **helpful tools** life self care videos, mental health articles, meditation apps, financial classes, caregiving support resources, etc.

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#### **Re-examine Company Policies & Benefits**

Offering the best benefits for employee needs can really help set your company apart to attract and retain the best talent, lower absenteeism, increase productivity, and reduce turnover.

**92%** of employers describe offering subsidies for elder care services as either very effective or somewhat effective.<sup>1</sup>

An employee should never have to choose between their job and caregiving.

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# **Caregiver Support Services**

CareScout helps provide your employees with peace of mind and a plan of action to help them care for their loved ones throughout their aging journey.

## **CareScout® Can Help!**

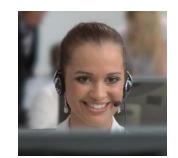
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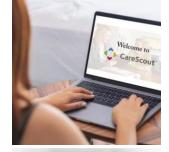
<sup>2</sup>CareScout does not diagnose, treat or provide medical advice.

**Caregiver Support Services** from CareScout is designed to help alleviate the stress of your employees figuring it all out on their own.

For more than **20 years**, CareScout has been providing support to leading long term care insurance companies and other organizations.

- Over 35,000 Registered Nurses and Licensed Social Workers
- A database of more than 100,000 healthcare providers and facilities<sup>1</sup>
- Owned by **Genworth**, a leader in long term care insurance
- **Objectivity** no referral fees from facilities or other contracted care providers
- Recommendations provided by medical clinical specialists, untainted by commercial interests (we do not receive any compensation based on the recommendations we make)<sup>2</sup>
- CareScout is committed to helping our clients understand and access options for aging on their own terms, customized for their specific needs



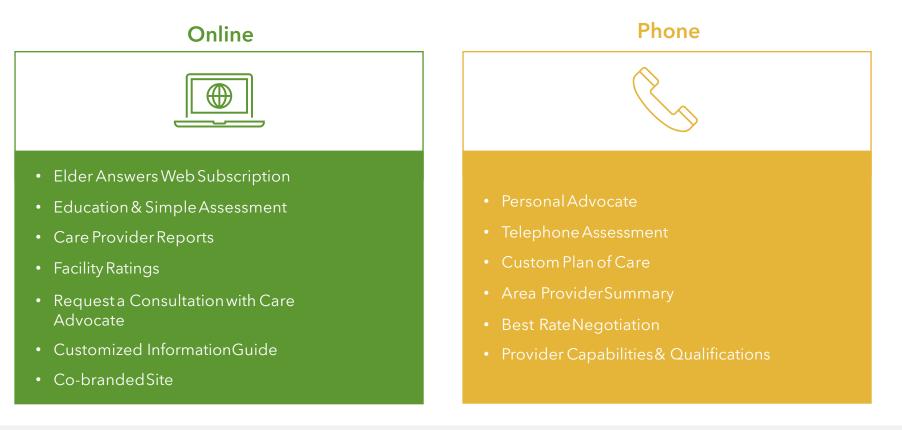






#### **Assessment & Evaluation**

We recommend that caregivers and their loved ones should be utilizing CareScout, if possible, well before a crisis forces them to act.



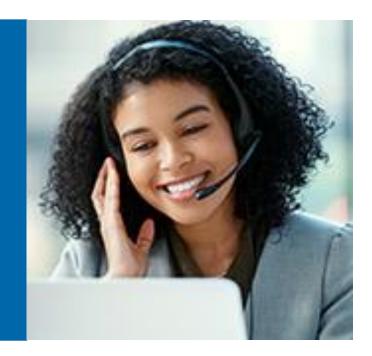


## **Care Advocate Support**

We are committed to providing a new model of clinically sophisticated guidance, untainted by commercial interests, in order to have honest discussions with clients along their aging journey.

Our team of registered nurses and licensed social workers work one-on-one with caregivers and their family members to:

- Assess your situation
- Work with you to determine care needs
- Provide concierge guidance and recommendations directly from clinical experts
- Build a **personalized plan** that considers your existing support system and focuses on cost effective solutions so families can maximize spending over the care horizon
- Identify and source appropriate care at **negotiated rates**
- **Educate** you on how to select and manage ongoing care relationships





#### **Elder Answers Website: Overview**

#### Information About Care Providers

Access proprietary database of over 100,000 providers of nursing home, assisted living, home health, and hospice providers across the entire U.S.

**Find Other Resources & Caregiver Evaluation Tools** Link to educational materials and public resources, plus other tools to help the user navigate caregiving options.

#### **Request a Consultation** Access Care Advocate for personalized assistance.

#### WELCOME TO **Caregiver Support Service** If you need help looking for care for a loved one, you've come to the right place. Access over 90,000 providers to help you search for caregiving resources and read caregiving tips to help you make informed care dec To speak to a Care Advocate about your loved one's care needs and resou options. call 855-708-95 **Find Care** Search Select Provider Type w. Enter ZIP Code Information About Care Providers **Find Other Resources** Public Resources **Caregiver Evaluation Tools** Browse senior care support services provided by local and state organizations. Care Evaluator Tool Cognitive Impairment Tool Information for Caregivers You may be a new caregiver or you may have been taking care of a loved one for quite some time. This information can help you prepare for **Request a Consultation** and evolve, your caregiving role. resources options, call 855-706-9546 **CareScout Services** Access a proprietary database of more than 90,000 providers including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day health facilities, home care providers, and community resources.

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## **Elder Answers Website: Finding Care**

Cost of Care Information

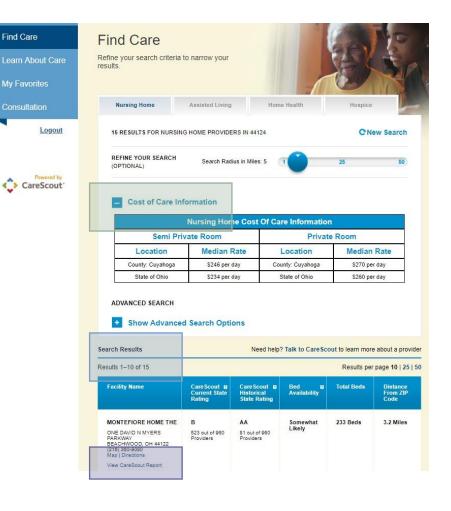
Obtain cost of care information, leveraging Genworth's annual "cost of care" survey.

#### **Search Results**

Get listing of care providers that meet care-type and location criteria, along with ratings and availability.

#### **View CareScout**<sup>®</sup> **Report**

Obtain detailed report on selected facilities, including historical state ratings, quality of care trend, bed types, population profiles, inspection and violation reports, and other useful information.





## Questions?



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## **Thank You!**



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