

Will Nursing Homes Survive the Implementation of Programs Designed to Prevent Institutionalized Care?

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Pullman & Comley Attorney Elizabeth J. Austin writes about how new programs designed to help the senior population avoid institutionalized care will pose challenges to the nursing home industry in an article published in the January, 2009, issue of the *ABI Committee News*. Both states and the national government are developing alternatives to nursing home care, and “numerous states have implemented aggressive programs that allow residents age 65 or older to receive services that enable them to continue independently,” she writes.

Since many of these programs are new, it is too soon to tell if they will succeed in reducing the need for nursing homes and their financial burden on Medicare and Medicaid. However, Liz says that nursing homes must factor in the potential long term effects of these programs on their populations as they develop strategies for financial stability.

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