

2015 Legislative Outcomes for Aging Utahns

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Legislative Outcomes for Utah Commission on Aging Priority Legislation

- New funding areas include:
 - Adult Protective Services: \$229,700 additional ongoing funds
 - Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program: \$300,000 ongoing funds
 - Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program: \$300,000 ongoing funds
 - Death with Dignity Legislation: referred for study
 - Alzheimer's State Plan Amendments: \$161,200 ongoing funds to implement the state plan for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia

Other Legislative Outcomes affect particular care delivery settings



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MAIN SETTINGS

AGING in PLACE at HOME with MINIMAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Senior Nutrition:

\$350,000 one-time state
funds and \$150,000 one-
time federal funds



MAIN SETTINGS

RECEIVING HOME and COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Caregiver Support:
\$250,000 one-time
funding, primarily for
caregiver respite



Medicaid Aging Waiver:
\$200,000 additional
ongoing funding,
allowing about 67 more
individuals to be served
at home rather than in a
higher cost facility



MOVING INTO a NURSING FACILITY



No specific legislation related to nursing facilities: though many of the previously mentioned priorities affect nursing facility residents



TYPICAL ANNUAL COST of PUBLICLY-FUNDED SERVICES

AGING in PLACE

With limited support services



< \$1,000

Meals on Wheels
Respite

HCBS

HOME and COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

When services provided in home



\$250 – 10,000

Alternatives Aging Waiver

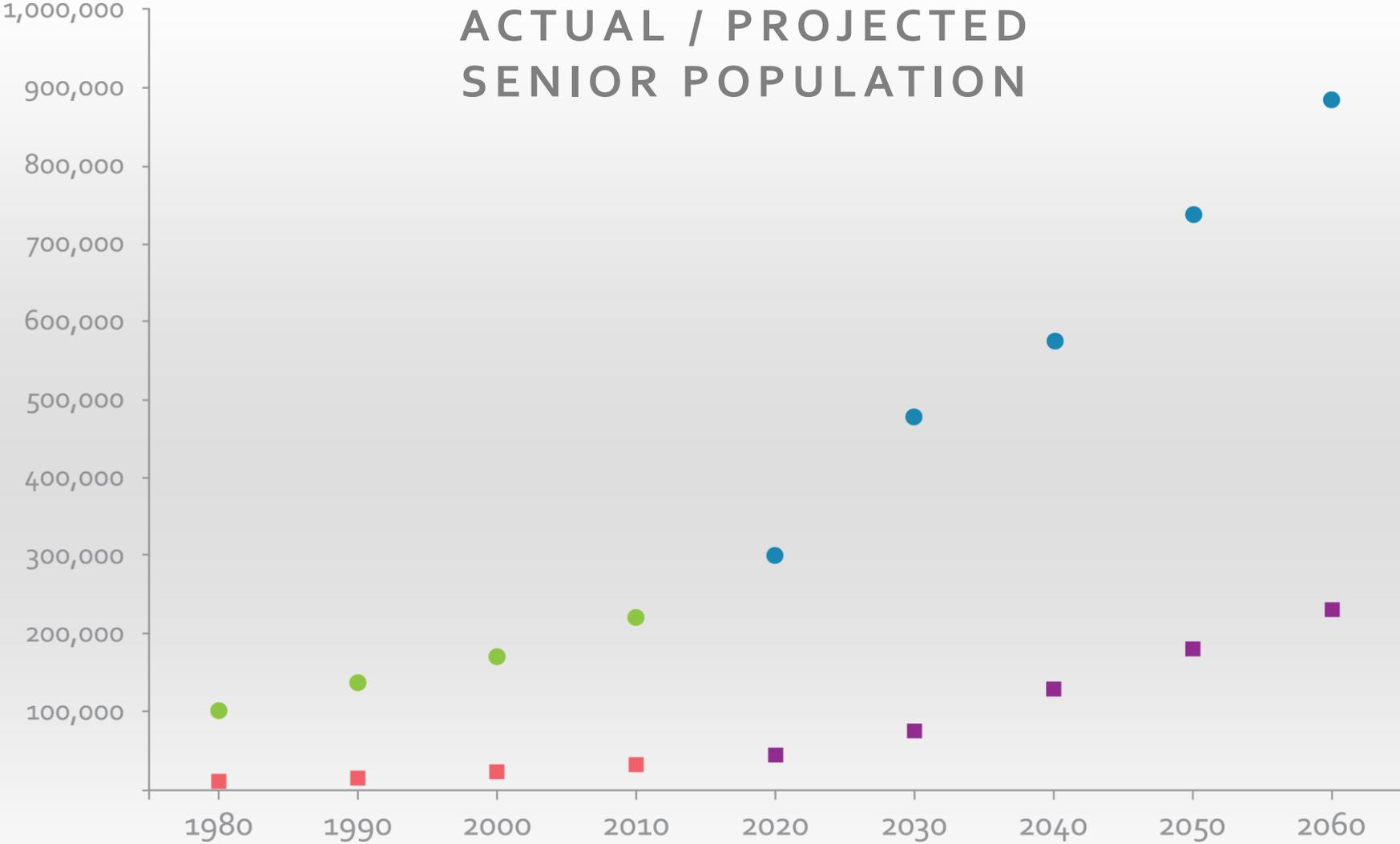
FACILITY BASED SERVICES



\$30 – 60,000

Including Publicly-funded Services

ACTUAL / PROJECTED SENIOR POPULATION



85+ Years
ACTUAL

85+ Years
PROJECTED

65-84 Years
ACTUAL

65-84 Years
PROJECTED

Future policy options

- Augment funding and support for the Alternatives Program
- Expand scope of practice for some health care workers
- Change authority for Utah Health Information Network to integrate POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment)
- Revisit changes to the New Choices Waiver and how they will affect some nursing home residents
- Establish a state registry for private pay clients to find home health care workers who can provide private duty services
- Increase family caregiver support