

The Case for Improving Dementia Care

Dementia is among the most feared and costliest diseases in our nation.¹ People with dementia have higher ED utilization, readmissions, and mortality rates than those without dementia.²



someone in the
U.S. develops
Alzheimer's disease

In 2018, total payments
for all individuals with
dementia are estimated at



Caregiver strain leads to
increased health care costs
of more than

\$1,300

PER CARE RECIPIENT⁵
AND

**\$4,766
more**

per year per person
FOR CAREGIVERS THEMSELVES⁶

Annual Medicaid payments for
beneficiaries with dementia were



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TIMES HIGHER
than for those without dementia⁴

Failure to address the unmet needs of people facing dementia could bankrupt our health system.



Through better identification, assessment, and support of people with cognitive impairment and their caregivers, we can reduce health care spending and improve quality of life.

Learn more and get started:

capc.org/dementiatoolkit

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