



April 7, 2026

The Honorable Teresa A. Tanzi, Chair
House Finance Subcommittee on Human Services
State House, 82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903
via email: Rep-Tanzi@rilegislature.gov

Re: H-7127 – An Act Making Appropriations for the Support of SFY Ending June 30, 2027 - Office of Healthy Aging

Dear Chairwoman Tanzi:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak about the work and the proposed SFY2027 budget for the Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging (OHA) during the House Finance Subcommittee on Human Services on March 25, 2026. During that meeting, Representative Alzate asked about the OHA At Home Cost Share Program, which provides affordable community-based care options for Rhode Island families. The At Home Cost Share Program helps Rhode Islanders aged 19-64 with a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s or related dementia, and those aged 65 and over by connecting them to home and community-based services and supports. The State shares the cost of in-home and/or adult day services in the community for eligible participants. The participant’s share of the cost is based on annual income, as outlined in the table below. Annual income is capped at 250% of Federal Poverty level. Eligibility is also based on needs assessment. Currently there is no asset limit.

2026 Income Limits and Participant Cost Share	
Tier 1: Income of \$19,950 (single)/\$27,050 (couple)	
Home Care	\$4.50/hour
Community Adult Day	\$7.00/day
Tier 2: Income of \$31,920 (single)/\$43,280 (couple)	
Home Care	\$7.50/hour
Community Adult Day	\$15.00/day
Tier 3: Income of \$39,900 (single)/\$54,100 (couple)	
Home Care	\$7.50/hour
Community Adult Day	\$15.00/day

As always, I thank you for your partnership and we welcome additional questions should greater detail be needed. Your leadership and advocacy for Rhode Island’s older adults, adults living with disabilities, and their families are appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria E. Cimini".

Maria E. Cimini
Director

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Finance Subcommittee on Human Services
Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
Christopher O’Brien, House Committee Clerk