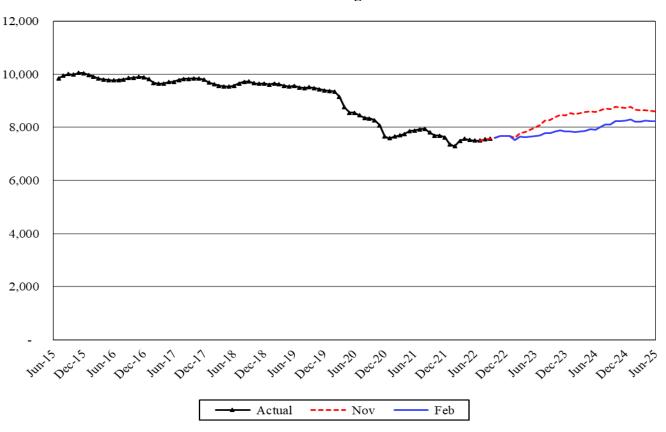# Long Term Care
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The Nursing Homes forecast consists of Medicaid eligible clients who receive care in state licensed nursing facilities. Nursing facilities provide care to eligible clients who require short post-hospital recuperative care, are no longer capable of independent living, and require nursing services, or are patients with chronic disabilities needing long-term rehabilitation and/or medical services.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb-23 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2023	7,697	7,616	-81	-1.1%
2024	8,437	7,840	-597	-7.1%
2025	8,691	8,202	-489	-5.6%

The February 2023 forecast is 81 cases or 1.1 percent lower than the November 2022 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 543 cases or 6.3 percent lower for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-22 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Jul-22	7,491	7,509	18	0.2%
Aug-22	7,547	7,552	5	0.1%
Sep-22	7,570	7,577	6	0.1%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 10 cases or 0.1 percent above the November forecast.

As in previous forecasts, the assumption of the caseload rebounding to the pre-pandemic normal is pegged to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) because the PHE is based on the federal government's expectations about the pandemic. The February forecast change reflects the extension of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) end date assumption from January 11, 2023, to April 11, 2023.

This forecast also assumes the caseload will take more time to return to the pre-pandemic trajectory due to staffing shortages in nursing home facilities.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	9,915		
	2017	9,775	-140	-1.4%
	2018	9,706	-69	-0.7%
	2019	9,635	-71	-0.7%
	2020	9,214	-422	-4.4%
	2021	7,967	-1,246	-13.5%
	2022	7,621	-346	-4.3%
Forecast	2023	7,616	-5	-0.1%
	2024	7,840	224	2.9%
	2025	8,202	361	4.6%

Risks to the Forecast

The risks to the nursing homes forecast are moderate to high. There are many layers of uncertainty in terms of when the caseload will begin to rebound, how long a rebound will take, and at what level the caseload reaches when it eventually resumes to a steady state.

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