Malnutrition care is recognized   
as an important gap area



**Advancing Policies for Quality Malnutrition Care in Older Adults through State Actions**

• There are no national or state public   
health goals on malnutrition

• Malnutrition quality measures are not   
included in quality incentive programs

Disease-associated malnutrition in   
older adults is a state economic burden

Twelve states have an annual economic burden   
of over $100 million for disease-associated   
malnutrition in older adults. Disease-associated   
malnutrition occurs when nutrient intake   
decreases and inflammatory responses increase.7

State legislators can take action

Proactive legislative and public health policy   
actions can help ensure quality malnutrition care   
is included in preventive and social services,   
patient safety, care transitions, and population   
health strategies for older adults.

**State Economic Burden of Disease-Associated   
Malnutrition in Older Adults**6

**The national cost of malnutrition: $4.3 Billion**

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**State: [Insert State name]**

**Cost of malnutrition for the state: $ [Insert cost of State-specific dollar amount. Refer to chart in** [**The State Legislative Toolkit**](https://www.defeatmalnutrition.today/sites/default/files/documents/2017%20Malnutrition%20Legislative%20Toolkit.bleed.pdf)**]**

**State initiatives on malnutrition:** [List your state’s initiatives on malnutrition]

**Call to action**: [List your state-specific call-to-action]

State policy actions can include:

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Description automatically generated**• Recognition of Malnutrition Awareness WeekTM 8   
through a resolution

• Including malnutrition care in state healthcare   
quality improvement initiatives

**[insert state seal]**

• Establishing a malnutrition prevention  
commission for older adults

• For more information visit   
www.defeatmalnutrition.today

• To download a free state malnutrition advocacy   
toolkit visit bit.ly/state-toolkit

• To learn about the *National Blueprint: Achieving   
Quality Malnutrition Care for Older Adults, 2020   
Update* visit [www.defeatmalnutrition.today/blueprint](https://www.defeatmalnutrition.today/blueprint)

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