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**Iowa CareGivers Releases Two Issue Briefs
Regarding the Direct Care Workforce**

Iowa CareGivers has just released two issue briefs regarding the direct care workforce: 1) Defining Iowa's Direct Care Workforce, and 2) Iowa's Direct Care Worker Registry. According to the Iowa CareGivers, workforce shortages and instability are, in some instances, linked to outdated laws and inconsistencies in the way this workforce is defined, paid, and trained.

"It is our hope that newly elected and incumbent legislators, Governor Reynolds, and Iowa's Congressional delegation will find the issue briefs useful in informing their policy decisions in 2023," said Maribel Slinde, Iowa CareGivers' Board Chair. She urges elected officials to look at this vital segment of the health, long-term care, and home and community-based workforce in its entirety and no longer fragment it by workplace setting or the populations served.

[Issue Brief #2 Iowa's Direct Care Worker Registry. Electronic](#)

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[Issue Brief #1 Defining Iowa's Direct Care Workforce pdf](#)

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The Iowa CareGivers is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that exists to ensure that Iowans receive good care and support when and where they need it. It does that by serving the needs of those who provide most of the hands-on care and support: the direct care workforce and family caregivers.

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