

**UPDATED SUMMARY  
SENATE BILL 16-026**

**Second Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly**

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*This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.*

A guardian ~~or conservator~~ shall not restrict a protected person's right of communication, visitation, or interaction with other persons, including the right to receive visitors, telephone calls, or personal mail, unless such restrictions are authorized by a court order.

A court may issue an order restricting the communications, visitations, or interactions that a person may have with a protected person upon a showing of good cause by a guardian. ~~or conservator~~. In determining whether to issue such an order, the court shall consider certain factors.

~~An interested~~ Any person, including the protected person, who reasonably believes that a guardian ~~or conservator~~ has violated a court order or abused his or her discretion in restricting a protected person's right of communication, visitation, or interaction with other persons may move the court to:

- ! Require the guardian ~~or conservator~~ to grant a person access to the protected person;
- ! Restrict, or further restrict, a person's access to the protected person;
- ! Modify the ~~guardian or conservator's~~ *guardian's* duties; or
- ! Remove the guardian. ~~or conservator~~.

A guardian ~~or conservator~~ who knowingly isolates a protected person in violation of law or a court order is subject to removal.

With certain exceptions, a guardian ~~or conservator~~ shall promptly notify a protected person's closest known family members and any person designated by the protected person to be notified in the event that the protected person:

- ! Changes his or her residence;
- ! Resides at a location other than the protected person's residence for more than 7 days;
- ! Is admitted to a medical facility for acute care or emergency care; or
- ! Dies.

*The bill makes an appropriation.*