

COLORADO CULTURE CHANGE COALITION SUPPORTS HB 09-1196

Resident Directed Care and Culture Change in Colorado's Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

The Colorado Culture Change Coalition is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to promote the delivery of care and services in the long term care community in a manner that is resident centered and promotes choices in a home like environment. This organization educates the stakeholders working, living and participating in some way in Colorado's nursing homes to change the paradigm of care delivered in these environments.

WHAT IS RESIDENT DIRECTED CARE?

Resident directed care is about treating the most vulnerable people in our communities with dignity and respect. Culture Change and person directed care creates home, meaning, purpose, spontaneity, and the ability to give as well as receive care. It focuses on giving residents of nursing homes the same basic human rights that we engage in every single day.

- This is a new model of care to transform the traditional nursing home of the past, modeled after a hospital, to one that is centered on the elder or disabled resident, directing their choices, routines and schedules.
- It focuses on creating a home like environment that focuses on the quality of life and creating a place much closer to home.

WHAT DOES HB 09-1196 DO?

- HB 1196 takes a portion of the money held in the civil money penalty fund (CMPs') and uses that money to educate consumers, ombudsmen, surveyors, care givers, and other stakeholders on creating an environment of resident centered care in Colorado's nursing homes.

WHY IS HB09-1196 NEEDED?

- Often times, individuals through no fault of their own, find themselves in need of care and services that are more extensive than one can receive at home through the home and community based services program. As a result they seek and receive care in a nursing home.
- Colorado has always been seen as a leader with new innovation in the state's nursing home community. It is time **now** to transform the delivery of care in a facility based environment to resident directed care. It's time to foster the advancement of this transformation. HB 09-1196 gives Colorado the support needed to further its agenda in this area.

- Using the funds available for improvement of care in nursing homes in Colorado will solicit wide spread adoption of the new paradigm through all of Colorado's nursing homes, especially through consumer education.

HOW WILL THE CASH FUNDING BE USED?

- The bill requires a balance be kept in the civil money fund of \$1 million before funds can be used for resident directed care. This will leave sufficient money available in the event there is a need for money to transfer or relocate residents during facility closures.
- Initially \$200,000 would be provided to the Resident Centered Care Project with additions of 25% of the new monies deposited in the fund each year.
- HB 09-1196 will authorize funding to educate and train state surveyors, ombudsmen, caregivers and the public about culture change and resident directed care initiatives.
- HB 09-1196 will create the opportunity to develop newsletters, a website, guides and printed materials to inform others about the paradigm shifting the delivery of care and assist consumers in identifying homes that are transforming to the new paradigm of care for their loved ones.

WILL ANY OF THE MONEY DIRECTLY GO TO THE PROVIDERS?

ANSWER: Under HB 09-1196 No money will go directly to providers

- The bill authorizes a distribution of this money to organizations that will provide education and training to further develop the concept and delivery of care and services in a resident centered environment.
- Without this education expectations for how care is delivered in these facilities will be stymied by the past practices and Colorado will not move forward in the quality of life for our most vulnerable population.

IN SUMMARY:

- Passing this bill is the right thing to do for those living in Colorado's nursing homes so that families and prospective residents can experience the difference between a nursing home of the past and one that provides an environment where residents have choice and self determination and where dignity and respect are promoted for our elders.
- People who work in long term care and those who survey nursing homes or advocate for the elders know this kind of work is a calling and a very important one. We know these funds can be used to advance this new model of resident directed care.

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VOTE YES ON HB 09-1196