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## *Who we are:*

We are a nonprofit trade association formed in 1968. The members of the Colorado Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (CAHSA) serve over 12,000 seniors every day through mission-driven, community-based organizations dedicated to providing the services people need, when they need them, in the place they call home. Our members offer the spectrum of senior housing and aging services: congregate housing, assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities, nursing homes, adult day programs and PACE.

## *What we believe:*

While our membership is diverse, all members support our public policy mission to advocate initiatives which support the individual's desire to live in the environment of their choice. Access to a full range of housing and service options, quality of life through healthy, affordable and ethical care, and equitable funding across the care continuum is the premise upon which CAHSA's public policy initiatives and recommendations are structured.

## *Our ideals:*

- ◆ **Dignity** of all persons at every stage of life
- ◆ **Services** people need, when they need them, in the place they call home
- ◆ **Quality** that people can trust
- ◆ **Mission-driven**, united by values
- ◆ **Advocacy** for the right public policy for the right reasons
- ◆ **Leadership** through shared learning

## *Our prior initiatives:*

- ◆ SB 05 173, which created an advisory committee that put forth 18 recommendations for reform in the long term care delivery system.
- ◆ Footnote 50a to the long bill that required a task force comprised of HCPF staff, providers, clients and legislators to examine issues of rate disparity and shortfalls within the long term care continuum.
- ◆ We have supported legislation to expand the PACE program, implement a consumer directed care for the elderly program, implement case mix reimbursement for home health providers and increase funding for the Older Coloradans fund.
- ◆ We have previously recommended cost saving initiatives such as "ACF Plus," allowing assisted living providers to care for Medicaid residents with dementia and incontinence to avoid premature admission to a more costly nursing home setting.