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## SILVER ROSE MANOR

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Dear Nevada State Legislators,

27 Feb 2003

Silver Rose Manor, is a 40 bed assisted living facility located in rural Nevada (Fallon). We currently have 9 residents that qualify under a Medicaid/Medicaid waiver situation. We receive a minimum of 1 - 2 calls weekly for placement for individuals that need assisted living care that qualify for Medicaid/SSI.

We currently are not accepting, and haven't accepted anybody into our home/facility for approximately 2 years that would qualify to receive Medicaid/Medicaid waiver financial assistance. You may ask a very simple, but valid question of why? Well, it's amazing that people would think you could supply residence, 3 meals daily, care, and assist somebody for a mere \$815 (Medicaid reimbursement) - \$1087 (Medicaid waiver reimbursement) a month. For example, 3 meals for 30 days @ an average of \$5.00 per meal is \$450 by itself. That doesn't include housing, taxes and insurance (person's own house), utilities, transportation, and other expenses while living on their own. Medicaid residents in residential facilities do receive \$87 personal needs money currently. As one can see, lately, there have been higher costs for doing business (i.e. insurance, utilities, etc.).

Now to the real issue that is disconcerting. We have received phone calls from hospital care coordinators for discharge, asking if we would accept a person on Medicaid or a Medicaid waiver. Our answer is no, with a short explanation of why. One care coordinator said, "you are the 15th place we have called, with nobody willing to accept this individual." Family members call in "panic status" because they have finally come to a point where their family member doesn't qualify for nursing care, but they need to be in a safer, sometimes more controlled, and healthier atmosphere. The problem is that they don't have the capability of paying for the cost of living and care, it takes in today's society. I have said many times, "we have learned how to keep people living longer, which is good, we just haven't figured out how to pay for it all yet."

As owner and administrators of an assisted living facility, we urge you to step forward and assist our seniors by approving the Medicaid waiver proposal from the Medicaid Div. of Nevada at the current figures, without "watering" it down, so as to place those seniors that need this assistance, in the same situation they are in today Thank you. Sincerely,

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