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Dear Nevada State Legislators,

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Thank you, I'm Dell Williams administrator with my wife Anna, for Silver Rose Manor a 40 bed assisted living facility for the elderly, located in rural Nevada (Fallon). I thank the Medicaid Division for the work done especially concerning the Group Care Waiver E 457.

We support the proposal from the Medicaid division, to follow along with the expansion of the Group Care Waiver Services Narrative (E457). We currently have 9 residents that would qualify under the Medicaid/Medicaid waiver reimbursement criteria. We receive a minimum of 1-2 calls weekly for placement for individuals that need assisted living care that qualify for Medicaid/SSI.

We are not currently accepting, and haven't accepted for approximately 2 years, anybody into our home/facility that would qualify to receive Medicaid/Medicaid waiver financial assistance. The simple reason is a matter of being able to financially address the cost of living and care necessary in today's world, especially with the rise in licensing fees, utilities and insurance coverage. To be able to supply residence, 3 meals daily, care and assist someone for the current Medicaid / Medicaid waiver reimbursement (\$815-1087), is not viable at today's cost of business operations.

Now the real disconcerting issue, and an example, is this. We have received phone calls from hospital care coordinators for discharge, asking "if we would accept a person of Medicaid or 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." Also, family members call in "panic status" because they have finally come to a point where their family member can't live on their own in a "self contained" living situation any more. They don't need or qualify for nursing care, but do need to be in a safer, sometimes more controlled and healthier atmosphere, just like ours and other assisted living facilities offer.

As owners and administrators of an assisted living facility, we urge you to assist our seniors by approving the Medicaid waiver proposal (E-457) at the proposed reimbursement rates (tab 15), from the NV. Div. of Medicaid. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dell & Anna Williams