

# HB26-1107: Health Care in Regulated Facilities

Sponsors: Rep. Lisa Feret, Rep. Amy Paschal, & Sen. Lisa Cutter

## The Problem

- Patients who need injected medications (e.g insulin) are limited in their dementia care options because currently only Nurses can administer these medications. *Many small facilities cannot afford to staff nurses 24/7*
- Families looking to place a loved one into a memory care have trouble accessing information they want or need to make an informed decision

## The Bill

- Allows facilities to allow supervised CNAs and LPNs to give injected meds. This will be permissive
- Directs CDPHE to create a standard form to prospective residents and/or families. Form will include:
  - Dementia training requirements
  - Guidelines for using restraints and security features
  - General fee models offered for dementia care
  - Criteria for acceptance, transfer and discharge of patient
  - Website link that has payor source and past/active complaints

## Why This Is Important

- Standardized, publicly available information allows families to direct comparisons of their options when deciding where a loved one with dementia should live and be cared for
- With over 1,000 nursing and assisted care facilities in CO, there are not enough nurses to staff a nurse 24/7, this will increase the accessibility of care for our older adults
- Allows for smaller facilities to be an option to people by providing injected meds by more trained professionals, a big need for our aging population

## What Other States Allow CNA or LPN to do Injected Meds

Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

## On a Personal Note

My grandmother (Nani, pictured left) had dementia. I wasn't even a teenager when I was spoon feeding her pureed lunch in a nursing home. I promised I would always help older adults like her. This is one of the ways I hope to help and honor her.

Rep Paschal is joining this bill to help all the daughters and sons who want to find the right home for their parent.



### Proposed Amendment:

- Will clarify injections are permissive for facilities and QMAPs cannot do it
- Change enforcement from loss of license to a citation
- Specifies form is only needed for on-site dementia facilities