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The Honorable Marc Snyder, Chair
Colorado House Finance Committee
200 E Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Position Letter: Colorado H.B. 26-1107 - Access to Medical and Dementia Care Services - Support

Dear Chairman Snyder and members of the House Committee on Finance,

Students for Patient Advocacy Nationwide (SPAN) appreciates the intent of House Bill 26-1107, which aims to increase transparency in dementia care and provide training for medical administration by injection. As a youth-led organization committed to advocating for patient welfare through healthcare policy, we recognize the importance of legislation that addresses needs of dementia care and modifies scope-of-practice rules for nurses to administer medication.

For the reasons that follow, SPAN strongly supports this bill and wishes for it to succeed.

Disclosure of standardized information: Requiring medical care facilities to communicate data to families regarding staff qualifications and provided services reduces the risk of uninformed decision making on behalf of dementia patients. With over 90,000 Colorado citizens living with dementia or another neurodegenerative disease, providing greater patient autonomy and access to necessary information about resident rights and safety is essential in safeguarding patient advocacy and representation (CDPHE).

Trains LPNs and CNAs in medical administration: Under current Colorado law, CNAs and LPNs cannot deliver medical injections without education and training for certification. H.B. 26-1107 requires the state board of nursing to issue measures that support clinical competency and supervision standards, allowing more nurses to receive education on injection techniques (Colorado General Assembly). Through increasing the number of injection certified CNAs and LPNs, facilities will no longer require an RN to be present for medicine administration, ensuring dementia patients receive responsive care and efficiency in routine care tasks, supporting continuous treatment.

Security measures for protection of at-risk dementia patients: Publicizing and updating information that reveals security measures used by dementia care facilities allows families to confirm that their loved one's needs will be addressed. Most dementia patients cannot fully advocate for themselves, which emphasizes the importance of equipping family members and legal representatives with the guidance to protect their interests (NHS). H.B. 26-1107 acknowledges the importance of patient safety and protection, while upholding family rights to remain fully aware of care practices.

Considering the above, SPAN respectfully encourages Colorado's continuation of support for H.B. 26-1107 to advance protective measures for dementia patients within care facilities. Through greater informational clarity between patients, families, and medical centers, dementia residents will be more accurately advocated for and represented in medical decisions, promoting expanded healthcare independence. Through training LPNs and CNAs in injection administration, this bill ensures dementia



patients are receiving prompt attention from nurses and possess the ability to direct their own healthcare decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby Wildman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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