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"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." ~ 2 Peter 3:9

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MEDICAID CUTS AND POTENTIAL IMPACT TO EBEN EZER

I wish I could provide more information on what the passage of the 'One Big Beautiful Bill' will entail for Eben Ezer, our Medicaid recipients and other senior living providers. I do know that it includes a wide range of reforms, with several provisions directly affecting senior living communities like ours. Many are still trying to understand what the implications of this will be, we know it touches on funding, regulation, eligibility, and staffing requirements. My high level review of the 940 pages and the implications to us are as follows:

Key Impacts for Senior Living Providers

1. Minimum staffing mandates are delayed, a moratorium has been placed on the implementation of new federal staffing standards for long-term care facilities.

Impact: Offers temporary financial relief and avoids workforce compliance penalties in the short term (Section 71112).

2. Potential Reductions in Medicaid Funding, ending of FMAP incentives (Section 71116), which many states have used to bolster Medicaid provider rates. Some states may cut back on Medicaid reimbursement to compensate.

Impact: Providers may face lower rates or delayed payments, especially in states with strained budgets.

3. Tighter Oversight of Eligibility and Payments, increasing eligibility redeterminations and tightening checks on deceased enrollees and providers (Sections 71103–71108), raising home equity limits, which may exclude more seniors from qualifying for Medicaid-funded long-term care.

Impact: May lead to reduced Medicaid census and administrative burden on providers to assist with eligibility verification.

4. Stricter Rules on State Funding Tools by restricting provider taxes and state-directed payments (Sections 71117–71120).

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Impact: States may lose flexibility to create funding streams that support providers, risking future rate instability.

5. New Work Requirements will require states to implement community engagement (work) requirements for certain Medicaid enrollees (Section 71121).

Impact: May decrease enrollment in Medicaid waiver programs, especially among younger residents in supportive housing.

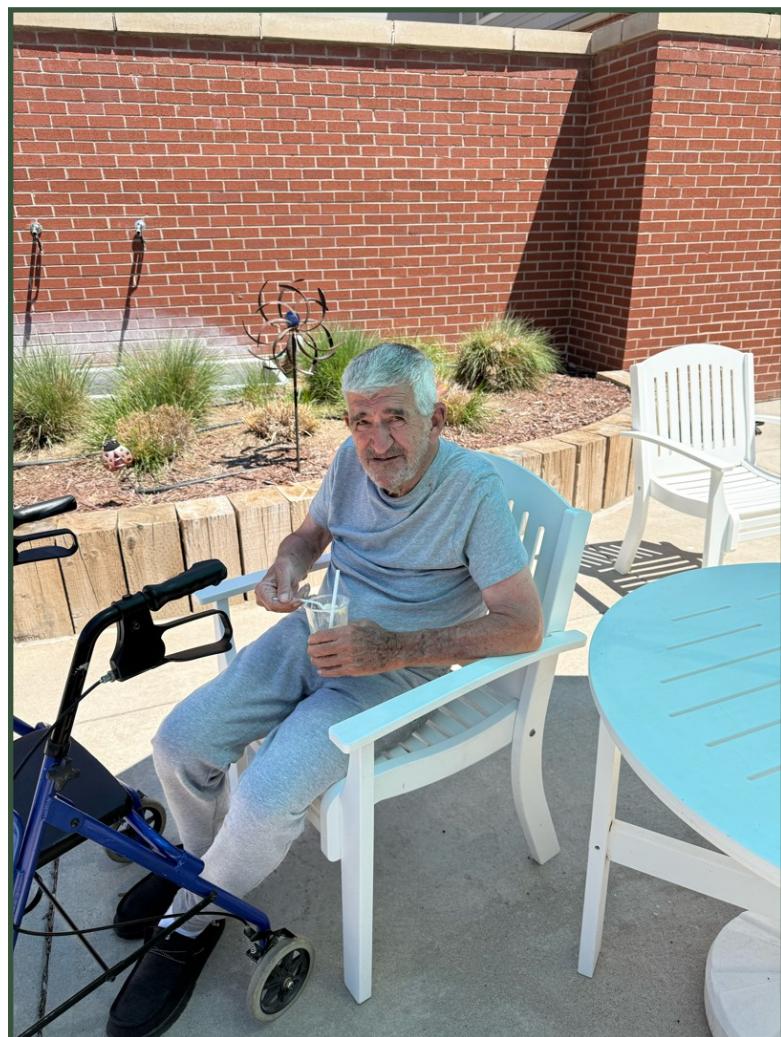
What's Good

- Delay of staffing mandates offers financial breathing room.
- Encourages fraud prevention and program integrity.
- 'Working adults' may return to the workforce.

What's Concerning

- ◊ Risk of lower reimbursement rates.
- ◊ Fewer residents qualifying for Medicaid.
- ◊ More administrative work to manage resident eligibility and compliance.

Takeaway for Senior Living Leaders



This bill prioritizes Medicaid cost containment and compliance over program expansion, which may tighten the operating environment for senior living communities that serve low-income seniors. Strategic planning for payer mix, eligibility assistance, and advocacy at the state level will be critical moving forward.

Eben Ezer takes a proactive approach to advocacy and working with our legislators and regulatory agencies. We invite these leaders to our campus each year. This year's event is coming up in August. It is important for these individuals to visit communities like ours to see first hand how care is delivered and witness the successes and challenges. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of this.

Thank you for your belief and faith in our community to serve you and your family.

~ Shelly

Life Enrichment Extensions

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We care for your loved one, let us care for you too!



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Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group Meeting

Alzheimer's Support Group

TUESDAY, August 12th, 11:30 am—12:30 pm — Eben Ezer's Activity Room

122 Hospital Rd., Brush, Colorado

Please enter on the West side of the Eben Ezer campus

Kindly RSVP at (970) 842-2861 x 9246 or text 970-370-0856

- Would you like to gain a better understanding of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia?
- Be around those who understand your struggles or who have similar experiences.
- Learn more about caregiving resources and options available.
- Ask questions about specific caregiving struggles.
- Take this opportunity to be a part of a supportive community whether you wish to share your experiences or simply listen.

This support group can provide emotional support for individuals with a loved one that lives in a nursing home, at your home, or for those who provide care from a distance.

The Eden Alternative Domains of Well-Being

Well-being is a human right.

IDENTITY - being well-known, having personhood, individuality, having a history

GROWTH – development, enrichment, expanding, evolving

AUTONOMY – liberty, self-determination, choice, freedom

SECURITY – freedom from doubt, anxiety, or fear, safety, privacy, dignity, respect

CONNECTEDNESS – belonging, engaged, involved, connected to time, place, and nature

MEANING – significance, heart, hope, value, purpose, sacredness

JOY – happiness, pleasure, delight, contentment, enjoyment

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CALLING ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS,
CLUBS, YOUTH GROUPS OR
FAMILIES LOOKING FOR A
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT

**THE EBEN EZER NEIGHBORS
INVITE YOU TO THEIR CAMPUS
TO BE PART OF ADDING BEAUTY
TO THE PLACE CALLED HOME**

You could be part of -

Serving others

Connecting with Older Adults

Intergenerational engagement

Bringing JOY to neighbors on the campus



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OPPORTUNITY**

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EMCLD Book Delivery Schedule 2025

Pines Off

January 8th Trevor & Ginger

January 15th Megan & Lori

February 5th Trevor & Ginger

February 19th Megan & Ellen

March 5th Trevor & Ginger

March 19th Lori & Ronita

April 2nd Trevor & Deb

April 16th Megan & Ronita

May 7th Trevor & Deb

May 21st Lori & Ellen

June 4th Trevor & Ginger

June 18th Megan & Ronita

July 2nd Lori & Ginger

July 16th Megan & Ellen

August 6th Trevor & Deb

August 20th Megan & Ronita

September 3rd Lori & Deb

September 17th Megan & Ellen

October 1st Trevor & Deb

October 15th Megan & Lori

November 5th Trevor & Ronita

November 19th Megan & Lori

December 3rd Trevor & Lori

December 17th Megan & Lori

Library Phone Number: (970) 842-4596 Lori Rodarte



August 2025



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>AL Activities</i> Community Events Outings | | | | | | |
| 3 Happy Birthday Candy! 9:00- Chair Exercises 3:00- UP Bingo 9:30- Worship | 4 9:00- Chair Exercises 3:00- UP Bingo 9:30- Worship | 5 Happy Birthday Marie M! 9:00- UP Bake a Cake 9:00-Dollar Tree | 6 8:30- UP Manicures 9:00- UP Bake a Cake 9:00-Dollar Tree | 7 9:00- LP Manicures 6:00- UP Movie & Popcorn | 8 10 Community Band LP Patio 11:00- Brush Pizza Emporium 1:00- Bible Study LP 2 Ice Cream Social and Sing a long with Cathy AR | 9 3:00- UP Coffee & Treats |
| 10 Happy Birthday Walt! 9:00- LP Bake a Cake 9:30- Worship | 11 9:00- Chair Exercises 10 Coffee and pastries with Brush's Mayor Dana AR 3:00- UP Bingo | 12 9:00-Drovers 2:00- Bottle Planters LP | 13 8:30- UP Manicures 9:00- UP Movie & Popcorn | 14 9:00- LP Manicures 6:00- UP Movie & Popcorn | 15 2:00 The Bent Spoon Ice Cream Shop 1:00- Bible Study LP | 16 3:00- LP Coffee & Treats 2 Keyboard Music with Jimmy Killoough - SR |
| 17 9:30- Worship | 18 9:00- Chair Exercises 3:00- UP Bingo | 19 Happy Birthday Ervon and Carl! 9:00-Bake a Cake 9:00-Home Plate | 20 8:30- UP Manicures 9:00- UP Movie & Popcorn | 21 9:00- LP Manicures 6:00- UP Movie & Popcorn | 22 9:00- Dollar General 1:00- Bible Study LP | 23 3:00- UP Coffee & Treats |
| 24 9:30- Worship 2 Guitar music with Richard AR | 25 9:00- Chair Exercises 3:00- UP Bingo | 26 9:00-Walmart 1:30- Tye Dye Shirts | 27 8:30- UP Manicures | 28 9:00- LP Manicures 6:00- UP Movie & Popcorn | 29 Happy Birthday Kev and Margaret D! 9:00- Bake a Cake 10:00-Steiner Sils 1:00- Bible Study LP | 30 3:00- LP Coffee & Treats |
| 31 9:30- Worship 2 Family Ice Cream Social and Platte Valley Band MPR | | | | | | |



**MIMOSA
AND
KARAOKE**



**QUILTS OF
VALOR
AWARDED**





A Quilt of Valor is a quality, handmade quilt that is awarded to Service Members and Veterans touched by war, signifying gratitude for their service and sacrifice

