



# Eben Ezer Family Newsletter

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## CEO Report ~ AUGUST 2025

*"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*

### 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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Gods Work.  
Our Hands.

**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*



## Resident Services Extensions

Heather Johnson, Resident Services Manager ext. 9257

Chris Garfield, Social Worker ext. 9252 (Deaconess/Elim & Madsen)

Samantha Bain ext. 9239 (Sommerlyst & Madsen)

Life Enrichment Coordinators ext. 9222

Julie Queen—ext. 9221

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

**If you are interested in communicating with your loved one via technology (facetime, skype, duo, facebook, etc.) please reach out to the Social Services office to set this up. We understand how hard it is not seeing your loved one, we would like to help with this.**



## Alzheimer's Support Group

TUESDAY, August 12th, 2025 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

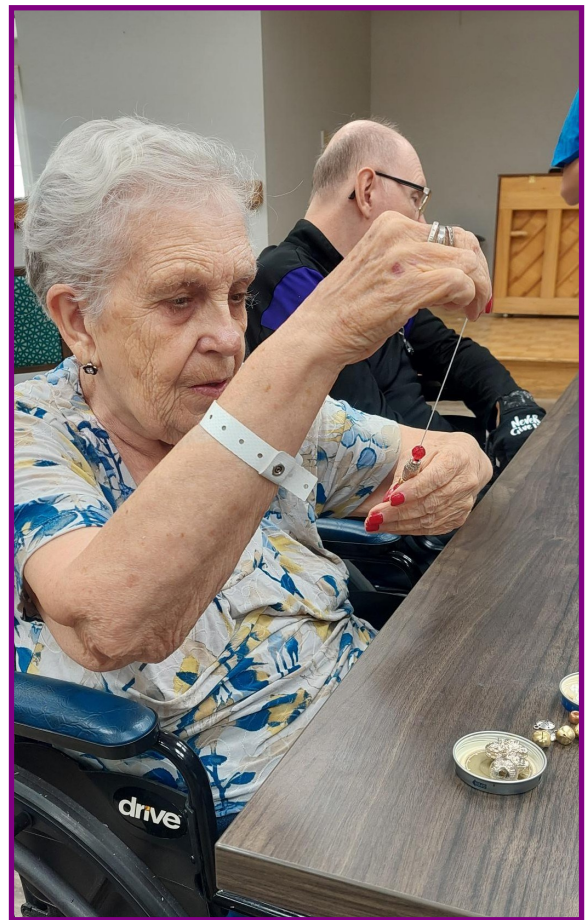
**CONNECTEDNESS** – belonging, engaged, involved, connected to time, place, and nature

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

**JOY** – happiness, pleasure, delight, contentment, enjoyment



## ***MEANING***



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# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Worship Services MPR	4	5	6	7 5 Community BBQ Brush Library Park	8 10 Community Band LP Patio 2 Ice Cream Social and Sing a long with Cathy AR	9
10 9:30 Worship Services MPR	11 10 Coffee and pastries with Brush's Mayor Dana AR	12	13	14	15	16 2 Keyboard Music with Jimmy Killough - SR
17 9:30 Worship Services MPR	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship Services MPR 2 Guitar music with Richard AR	25	26	27 10 Resident Council SR	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship Services MPR 2 Family Ice Cream Social and Platte Valley Band MPR						



**EBEN EZER**  
Lutheran Care Center

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



**HORTICULTURE  
OPPORTUNITY**

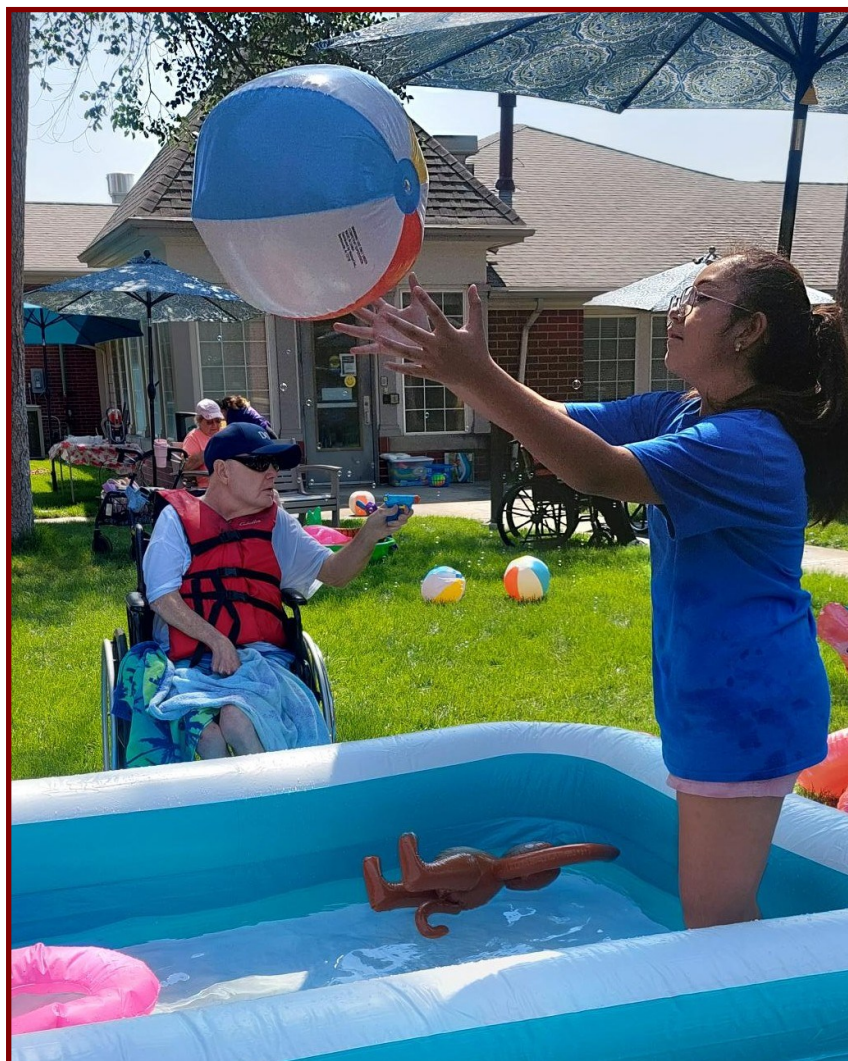
**ADOPT AN  
EBEN EZER  
FLOWER BED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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***SPLISH,  
SPLASH  
WATER DAY  
IS A BLAST!!***

***THANK YOU  
JR  
VOLUNTEERS  
FOR  
HELPING***









***SLUSHIES, BUBBLES AND WATER FUN!***







**SENSORY TASKS  
TAILORED FOR THE  
NEIGHBORS!!**

**THANKS JR  
VOLUNTEERS FOR  
YOUR HELP!!**





