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Colorado Long-term Assistance Service Providers (CLASP) Open Submitted text

Text of Testimony

Dear Members of the Committee:

I represent CLASP which is a small homecare association providing long-term home health and homecare services to Medicaid clients. We support continuing the certification of Certified Nurse Aides and also support the Amendment Senator Ginal is offering. The amendment L-004 allows parents or guardians of minor children receiving home health services to presort medications that their child will have administered by the CNA providing services. We support this for two reasons. First, many of the children served in home health have significant disabilities and many have highly compromised immune systems. If the medications are not presorted by a pharmacist, then a nurse will have to sort the medications for a CNA to be able to administer them. Second, with a shortage of nurses throughout the country, it is cost effective for the parent or guardian of only minor children to sort the medications for the CNA to administer. Every home health agency will have a nurse ensure that the parent or guardian is competent to sort the medications for the child being served.

We urge the committee to adopt the amendment and pass the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to supply written testimony in support of the bill and amendment.

Sincerely