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Bill hb5441 regarding boarding homes be paid directly:

Regarding testimony to get direct payment is a great policy, after all, convalescent homes receive direct payment, the reason we cannot is because we are community based. however, we know it can be done, I have good conservators and had many bad ones, the good ones prefer we get paid directly, and somehow they made me and the facility the "A-Rep" therefore the check is payable to me, no endorsement required, even of a lost check, I can handle it myself with the client having to go to the state office and file affidavits. This is very time consuming. also we would receive all redetermination forms, failure file these forms results in a discontinuance of benefits, whereas conservators often overlook filing these very important forms, discontinuance of benefits results in lost medical coverage to the clients and boarding homes do not get paid, it is very time consuming to get the clients reinstated when this happens. Interruption of benefits is crucial, it is not something a client should have to go through and either should the boarding homes. Also the fact that a savvy resident will somehow manage to get the check and spend it without paying the facility, this has happened to me for the sum of over \$2,800, and more recently happened to shailorville manor, our recourse to recover these funds is minimal, best we can do is get an arrest warrant to a client that will never have that amount of money to ever pay the facility. i fully support Bill # hb5441 thank-you Gary P. Faraci
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