



Senator Cervantes, Chair

Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, 412  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 991 (Menjivar) Residential care facilities for the elderly: categorization of citations. **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Cervantes:

The Agency on Aging Area 4 (AAA4) writes to express our strong support for SB 991. This bill requires the State Department of Social Services (CDSS), when it confirms a violation in a residential care facility for the elderly that constitutes abuse, to categorize that abuse using the specific definitions found in the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, which includes types of abuse like physical abuse, financial abuse, neglect, and mental suffering.

The bill requires CDSS to categorize and cite violations as one or more of the following: physical abuse; abandonment; abduction; financial abuse; isolation; mental suffering; neglect; or undue influence. These categorized abuse types will then be clearly listed on any public databases maintained by the department that display information about facility licensing, enforcement, or transparency, ensuring that the public is informed about the specific nature of substantiated abuse violations.

Quoted from Senator Menjivar, “[t]he need for Elder Abuse accountability is paramount, given that by 2040, the number of adults in institutional group settings is projected to increase by 51% according to a report by the Public Policy Institute of California. SB 991 will ensure that we are promoting consumer transparency and accountability in RCFEs by improving how substantiated reports of abuse and neglect are categorized by CDSS and their public facing licensing and enforcement databases.” These changes make it easier for individuals to have a better understanding of a facility’s history. For these reasons, we are pleased to support SB 991.

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