

Testimony supporting SB 1030

Requiring RCFs to make available to residents at least one on-site vaccination clinic per year

Senator Patterson and Committee members,

My mother was a resident in a Memory Care facility in Springfield during Covid. During that time the facility held an on-site vaccine clinic for the residents, staff and family members. The first time the clinic was set up by Lane County Public Health.

I received a written letter of notification from the facility about the date and time. I gave permission via email on behalf of my mother to receive a Covid vaccine. Since my mother was bed bound, I found it was so convenient for her.

The next year they set up another vaccine clinic with a pharmacy service and again my mom got her Covid vaccine and a flu vaccine.

This requirement for on-site vaccine clinics in RCFs annually would assure that residents in congregate living situations, that may find it difficult or impossible to get out to get a vaccine, are protected.

I don't believe it would be a hardship for facilities to do this one time per year for our most vulnerable Oregonians.

I fully support SB 1030.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Judith Smith