

## **Proposal for Legislation -- 2009 SLTC Accountability Rules**

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**1. What is the problem or issue?**

There are no specific rules in place that ensure that providers of services to older Montanans are accountable for providing quality services in a cost effective manner.

**2. What do you want the legislation to do?**

Provide authority for the department to adopt rules to promote accountability for providing quality services to older Montanans in a cost effective manner.

Rules may include goals, standards and performance expectations for providing services to the aged; reporting of performance or progress towards goals, evaluation of functions, review of evaluations, and follow up to correct deficiencies and provide feedback to providers.

**3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.**

Add new section to Title 52, chapter 3, part 5

**4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?**

There is expected to be no additional funding required to implement this legislation other than the cost of rule making.

**5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.**

A version of this legislation was brought forward last legislative session. SB 226 introduced by Senator Moss brought this idea forward based on the recommendation of an ad hoc group named the Long Term Care Study Commission. This group was made up of concerned citizens who were interested in promoting accountability in state services provided to older Montanans and establishing a process for achieving accountability.

This bill was subsequently tabled