

# LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

*Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities*

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## URGENT ACTION ALERT - Contact Commission on Streamlining Government to reject Lansing Kolb's recommendations TODAY

November 30, 2009

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### Action Alert

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1. Contact members of the Commission on Streamlining Government **TODAY** and ask them to REJECT the recommendation from Lansing Kolb: "The Department of Health and Hospitals should amend the New Opportunities Waiver to provide for an individual cap of \$60,000 per person per year."
2. Ask them to REJECT two of Mr. Kolb's other recommendations that discriminate against people receiving supports and services in their homes and communities.
3. Contact information of Commission members and a SAMPLE MESSAGE are included below.
4. The Commission is meeting on these recommendations on Tuesday, Dec. 1st and Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in Room A-B.
5. Reply to this email to confirm your action.

### Sample Message

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Dear:

I urge you to reject Lansing Kolb recommendations #3, #4, and # 5.

Mr. Kolb's recommendations #3 and #5 are to provide individual caps of \$60,000 for the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) and \$25,000 for the Elderly and Disability Adult Waiver. These recommendations for absolute caps on waiver services would discriminate against individuals with significant support needs forcing them into costly institutional programs to receive the supports they need. Forcing individuals into segregated facilities away from their homes and communities is wrong and will significantly reduce the quality of their lives.

These individual caps are also unnecessary because the average cost of the NOW is already \$65,000 and with the implementation of the Resource Allocation Model, the average cost is expected to be reduced to \$46,000.

**Mr. Kolb's recommendation #04** to convert the Long-Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS) optional Medicaid program to a waiver program and limit the services to twenty-five hours per week would create more problems for Louisiana and the people who desperately need support. The current waiver programs require people who need services to wait years to receive a waiver slot. Louisiana does not need another waiver waiting list. The LT-PCS provides services to individuals based on stringent criteria that among others requires for the individual to be impoverished.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

**Contact Commission on Streamlining Government**

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**Any Questions?**

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