



# LaCAN

## Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

### **ACTION ALERT**

#### **Contact the House Ways and Means Committee to Avoid Elimination of Waivers and Other Programs**

The legislature is expected to meet in Special Session beginning on February 14, 2016 to address the budget shortfall for this fiscal year and next. On January 27th the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) announced that \$131 million in cuts would be implemented if the Legislature failed to find additional revenues to address this year's anticipated shortfall.

Two options to address the budget shortfall were included in the press release, one of which eliminates:

- All waiver services for people with developmental disabilities impacting 11,678 current recipients (NOW, Children's Choice, Supports Waiver, ROW)
- All waiver services for seniors and people with adult-onset disabilities impacting 6,481 current recipients (Community Choices and Adult Day Health Care)
- Medicaid Long Term Personal Care Services impacting 17,300 current recipients
- Intermediate Care Facilities for People with Developmental Disabilities impacting 4,914 current residents
- Other optional Medicaid programs such as Hospice, Hemodialysis, Pediatric Day Health Care, and the "medically necessary override" provision to the adult pharmacy prescription limit.

Both options include a reduction in the payments to Bayou Health insurers.

**All state revenue matters are heard in the House Ways and Means Committee. If these DHH services are important to you, now is the time to let committee members know.**

**And if you have not already done so, contact your state representative and senator as well.**

### **Take Action Today!**

Contact the Chairmen and Committee Members from Your Region.

Not sure of your region? Click [here](#) for a map.

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Also call or email your personal Representative and Senator if you have not already done so. Don't know who they are? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. Your state representative will be listed first; your state senator will be listed second. Click on their name for their contact information.

## What to Say

### Start by sharing your story:

- How these cuts (and ANY cuts to programs for people with developmental disabilities) would affect you and your family.

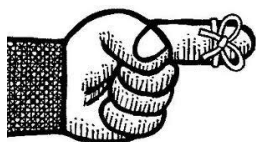
### Share the Facts:

- According to DHH, additional revenue must be identified in the upcoming special session to avoid the cuts described in the press release.

To see the full list and explanation of the proposed cuts read the DHH [press release](#).

For assistance in contacting your legislator, contact the [LaCAN Leader](#) in your region.

## Confirm Your Action



**Don't forget to let us know that you took action!**  
[Reply](#) to this email or notify your [LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.

Why confirm your action? This helps us to know how effective we are in reaching you with this information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

## Contact Us

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