



ACTION ALERT - Contact Your Legislators 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. **If sufficient revenue is not raised by the legislature, the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) will be forced to cut \$131 Million in state funds from the current fiscal year's budget.**

Yesterday DHH announced two options to address the budget shortfall, 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.

If these services are important to you, now is the time to tell your legislators!

Take Action Today!

Call or email your Representative and Senator. 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

Your Story:

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

The Facts:

- Additional revenue must be raised in the 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](#).

Need Help?

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

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

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