



## **ACTION ALERT - Spread the Word About Constitutional Amendment #1**

On November 4th, Louisianans will be asked to cast their vote for or against Constitutional Amendment #1. The wording of the amendment tells voters nothing about the consequences of their vote. So, what are the consequences?

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** If passed, this amendment will protect seniors.

**THE FACTS:** If passed, this amendment will protect the rates nursing homes and other institutions get paid\*, leaving all home and community-based services for senior adults and people with disabilities "unprotected" and more vulnerable to cuts in times of budget shortfalls. **Funding for all of the following services will be more vulnerable:**

- Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities (EarlySteps)
- Waiver services that assist seniors and people with disabilities to live at home
- Hospice services
- Home health services
- Mental health services
- Employment services for people with disabilities
- Councils on Aging
- Colleges and universities

*\*Rates for nursing homes and institutions could only be reduced in the future under very specific conditions and only with a 2/3 vote of the legislature.*

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Share the facts with family, friends, neighbors, and legislators. Vote on November 4th.

### **WHAT TO SHARE**

**Share the information below in conversation,  
email, or on social media.**

Here is a link to a printable fact sheet with the amendment language and talking points related to its impact

**[Impact of Constitutional Amendment #1](#)**

Here are links to a couple of news articles sharing the potential negative impacts on both home and community-based services and colleges/universities.

**[Amendment would protect health care money, but at what cost?](#)**

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