

# LaCAN

## Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

### **ACTION ALERT #14 - Contact Your Representative to Save Waiver and Other Healthcare Services**



On Monday, May 9th, the Appropriations Committee drastically cut funding for waiver and other healthcare services when they passed HB1, the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. According to The Advocate, "Committee Chairman Cameron Henry said he thought Edwards' administration placed too much emphasis on funding health care at the expense of higher education, so his goal was to try to level the cuts out between the two."

If the massive cuts to the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) are not restored by the full House or the Senate, the Children's Choice, Supports, and Residential Options Waivers would be eliminated in addition to the loss of many other vital healthcare services. Read the full impact in the [Governor's Press Release](#).

The full House will debate the budget on the House floor tomorrow, Thursday May 12th.

If you would like to see funding restored to DHH, including all services and programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, now is the time to take action!

**Call and speak with your State Representative on the House Floor this afternoon and on Thursday, May 12th, at 225-342-6945.**

Send your Representative an Email. Click [here](#) for State Representatives' full contact information.

Don't know your State Representative? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

### **What to Say**

#### **Start by sharing your story:**

- What negative impacts would cuts to these programs and services have on you, your family, or someone you know?

#### **Finish by telling your Representatives what they can do to help:**

- Please restore ALL cuts to DHH and prioritize services for individuals with disabilities.

If you need additional assistance on what to say,  
your LaCAN Leader will be glad to help.

Click [here](#) for LaCAN Leader contact information.



### 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.

If there are any questions about the information in this email, contact LaCAN by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below.

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