



## **Information Alert - Update on Funding for DD Services in the Proposed FY17 State Budget**

This morning, March 29th, the Department of Health and Hospitals presented a revised budget to the Appropriations Sub-Committee on Health and Human Services that reflected the revenue raised in the Special Session. Listed below are the changes to services for people with disabilities from the original Executive Budget as presented prior to the Special Session.

### What's Funded:

- ALL waivers
- Long-Term Personal Care Services
- OCDD Resource Centers
- EarlySteps - at least enough to avoid cuts to direct services

### What's Still Being Cut:

- Elimination of State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) in the Office of Aging and Adult Services
- 10% reduction to Human Services Districts/Authorities - this will impact Individual and Family Support and Flexible Family Fund in some regions
- 40% cut to Families Helping Families Resource Centers
- The funding to fill over 440 vacant waiver slots for people with developmental disabilities
- The funding to pay overtime costs for home and community based services

These are the administration's recommendations. The legislature can accept or change them throughout the legislative process.

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