



Action Alert #16 Contact Senate Finance to Save Disability Services

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MASSIVE CUTS to the La. Department of Health (LDH) are included in the current version of the budget ([House Bill 1](#)). These draconian cuts total over **\$237 million** in state general funds (over \$700 million total)! Unless these cuts are restored by the Senate, LDH is forced to consider eliminating the following programs:

- Individual and Family Support program in many regions of the state
- Flexible Family Fund program in many regions of the state
- State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) for people with physical disabilities
- ALL community-based behavioral health services
- Adult pharmacy program
- Contracts with Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
- Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
- Other services provided through the local Human Services Districts/Authorities

This is only a partial list of what would be necessary to reach over \$700 million in cuts. ALL cuts to LDH must be restored to protect people with developmental disabilities and other vulnerable populations.

If you would like to see funding restored to LDH and avoid the elimination of the vital services listed above, NOW is the time to take action!

How To Take Action

Contact the Senate Finance Committee by **Friday, May 19th**, and ask that ALL funding to LDH be restored and services for people with disabilities be prioritized.

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What to Say?

Start by sharing your story:

- What negative impact would the elimination of these services have on you, your family, or someone you know?

Finish by telling committee members how they can help:

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

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