

Enhance Rate for People with Complex Needs

KNOW THE FACTS

- **1,375 of 11,500 current waiver recipients have complex behavioral and/or medical needs.**
- **Current provider rate of \$14/hour would increase to \$19/hour for those meeting strict eligibility criteria.**
- **Private institutions/residential facilities for people with developmental disabilities already have an enhanced rate to serve people with complex needs.**

What Can Legislators Do?

Appropriate \$2.66 Million in State General Funds for FY19 for an enhanced rate in the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) to support individuals with complex behavioral and/or medical needs.

Why Do This?

Individuals with the most complex behavioral and/or medical support needs can live successfully in their own homes and communities with appropriate waiver services.

Many providers are unable to hire and retain the skilled workers needed to support these individuals in their homes due to current low reimbursement rates.

Without a provider, many of these individuals are forced to seek more costly institutional placements, such as Pinecrest, which costs \$263,000 per resident annually.

Without the enhanced waiver rate, family units will continue to be shattered while Louisiana is forced to over-utilize more costly institutional care.