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Governor's Veto and Other DHH Cuts: Devastating News for People with Developmental Disabilities

Last week individuals with disabilities and parents received news of Governor Jindal's [veto message](#) cutting funding in the main state budget bill ([HB1](#)) that the Legislature had included to support a number of services and programs for people with developmental disabilities. To make matters worse, advocates' fears were realized when the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) announced additional reductions due to the approved budget containing less than DHH reported was needed to maintain current operating levels.

Specifically, Governor Jindal vetoed from the budget approximately:

- \$1,447,000 SGF (\$ 3.9 million total) for 200 additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots
- \$ 794,000 SGF for Children's Special Health Services Clinics
- \$ 950,000 SGF for the Individual and Family Support Program (in the Human Services Districts and Authorities budgets)
- \$ 55,000 SGF for Families Helping Families Resource Centers
- \$ 250,000 SGF for Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN)

In addition to the cuts made above, the Department of Health and Hospitals announced additional cuts of \$25.9 million in State General Funds (SGF). Read the DHH announcement of the planned cuts by [clicking here](#). Some significant cuts in this announcement and services and programs impacted include approximately:

- \$949,000 SGF (\$1.1 million total) from the Office of Aging and Adult Services
- \$2.9 million SGF from the Office of Behavioral Health
- \$137,000 SGF (\$371,000 total) from the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
- \$1 million SGF from the Office of Public Health (this includes additional reductions to Children's Special Health Services)
- \$3.9 million SGF from the Human Services Districts and Authorities
- \$3,600 SGF to Families Helping Families Centers (in the DD Council budget)
- \$14.4 million SGF (\$38.6 million total) to Medicaid Providers

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