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## **Home and Community Based Supports Mostly Spared from Medicaid Cuts**

The Department of Health and Hospitals' plans to address the budget shortfall resulting from Congress decreasing Louisiana Medicaid funding by approximately \$859.2 million (\$287 million of state funds) will mostly spare Home and Community Based Supports and Services. The majority of the cuts will impact the LSU Hospital System and rural hospitals.

A summary of cuts related to individuals with developmental disabilities includes:

### **Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities:**

- Reducing the Flexible Family Fund (previously Cash Subsidy) Program by fifty-five slots through the implementation of a new policy removing from this program children whose family income exceeds 650 percent of the federal poverty level and also receive waiver services
- Elimination of nine positions from the resource centers, primarily in the northern part of the state.

### **Office of Aging and Adult Services**

- Reduction of \$100,000 from the State Personal Assistance Program for 10 new people who would have been added to the program from the waiting list
- Delay the phase-in of 350 of the new Community Choice Waiver Slots

### **Office of Behavioral Health**

- Redistribution of mental health inpatient beds by phasing down operations at Southeastern Louisiana State Hospital and transferring those beds to other facilities.

[Click here](#) to see the press release from the Department of Health and Hospitals with the full details of all the cuts.

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