



UPDATE Action Alert #7: Contact Your Representative TODAY to Save DD Services

March 5, 2018

Today at 4 p.m. the House of Representatives will consider multiple revenue raising measures. Should sufficient revenue not be identified, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) would be cut over **\$650 million** in state general funds (\$2.4 Billion including federal matching funds) resulting in the reduction or elimination of numerous programs and services for people with developmental disabilities currently funded in LDH's budget:

- Elimination of Children's Choice and Supports Waivers
- Elimination of Long Term Personal Care Services
- Elimination of Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
- Elimination of Supported Independent Living in the New Opportunities Waiver
- Stricter financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid long term care services (impacting 57% of current home and community based waiver recipients and ICF/DD residents)
- Significant reduction to behavioral health and addictive disorder services
- Reduction to Support Coordination

If these services are important to you, **TODAY** is the time to take action! Already contacted your representative? It's important they hear from you again!

How You Can Take Action

Call your State Representative today, March 5th.

- Ask your Representative to **do what is necessary to avoid eliminations and cuts to vital services for you, your family member, other people with disabilities and all vulnerable populations.**

You can call and speak with your State Representative on the House Floor when the House is in session at 225-342-6945. **The House convenes today at 4:00 p.m.** Don't know who your State Representative is? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

You can also call your State Representative's district office and send them an Email. Click [here](#) for the State Representatives's full contact information.

Confirm Your Action

Don't forget to let us know you took action! Reply to this email or notify your

[LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.

Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are in reaching you with this important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Contact Us

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