



Information Alert #8: Governor Signs HB1; Calls Third Special Session

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On Friday, June 8th, Governor Edwards signed the state's Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) operating budget ([HB1](#)) passed by the legislature during the most recent special session. This budget fully funds the LA Department of Health (LDH) and protects services for individuals with developmental disabilities and other vulnerable populations served by LDH. However, since legislators were unable to agree on many of the proposed revenue raising measures, the budget includes massive cuts to other departments including children and family services, higher education, TOPS, and public safety.

Governor Edwards also issued a call for a third Special Session to address the state's fiscal cliff. The legislature will have ten days, beginning June 18th, to identify sufficient revenue needed to fund many of the state's priorities. The Governor's press release and call can be viewed [here](#).

Although LDH is fully funded for FY19, other government programs people with disabilities depend on, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), would be cut or eliminated should sufficient revenue not be identified to address the more than \$500 million in cuts currently in HB1. In addition, there will be ongoing budgetary pressures impacting LDH in future years if revenue is not replaced to fund all of the state's critical priorities.

No yellow shirt days are planned for this session, but advocates are encouraged to continue contacting their legislators. Tell them to **"Fix the cliff so ALL critical services will be protected this year and in the future."**

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