



UPDATE Action Alert #14 : Continued Contact with Legislators Needed to Fix the Cliff and Fully Fund LDH

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Only four days remain in the Special Legislative Session and the House and Senate have yet to reach an agreement on the amount of revenue to raise to replace expiring revenue or what to include in the state budget. The budget ([HB1](#)) passed by the House yesterday includes cuts of nearly \$119 million (\$620 million when all sources of funding are included) to the LA Department of Health (LDH), impacting many services for people with developmental disabilities including:

- Individual and Family Support
- Flexible Family Fund
- State Personal Assistance Services
- Families Helping Families
- Mental Health Services
- Pediatric Day Health Centers
- Medically Needy Program

The Senate Finance Committee will consider HB1 today and will likely amend it before it is considered by the full Senate on Sunday. It will then go back to the House for concurrence or to a conference committee to reach a compromise.

[HB27](#) will be considered by the full Senate today. This sales tax bill, as amended by the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, will raise \$641 million in revenue - enough to fully fund LDH and avoid cuts to people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. If this bill passes the Senate, it goes back to the House for concurrence or to a conference committee to reach a compromise.

Contact Your Legislators

Call, text and/or email your State Representative AND Senator today, this weekend, and Monday. Tell them to "Fix the cliff and FULLY FUND LDH so services for people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations will be protected."

It's important to know that **LDH will not be fully funded unless the necessary revenue is raised.**

Don't know who your State Representative or Senator is? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative followed by your State Senator.

If you have questions about contacting your legislators, please contact your [LaCAN Leader](#).

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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