



Action Alert #15

Your State Senator Needs to Hear Why Funding DD Services is Important to You!

May 29, 2019



The state's budget for Fiscal Year 20 (FY20) is headed to the Senate Floor. [Your State Senator needs to hear from you!](#)

The Senate Finance Committee met on Monday, May 27th, and passed an amended version of the state's FY20 budget ([HB105](#)):

What's Included:

- Funding to restore home and community-based provider rates to 2008 levels with added language directing the LA Department of Health (LDH) to direct a portion of the rate restorations to a wage increase for direct support professionals;
- Language directing LDH to begin a program to serve the TEFRA population beginning on or before June 1, 2020, pending CMS (federal Medicaid agency) approval;
- \$1.5 million in additional state funds for Northwest LA Human Services District;
- \$500,000 in additional state funds for Florida Parishes Human Services Authority.

What's Not Included:

- Funding to implement the TEFRA in FY20. Amendments to HB199 adopted in Senate Health & Welfare Committee on 5/29/19 changed the effective date to June 1, 2020, making funding in FY20 no longer needed. Funding will be necessary in FY21;
- Additional funding for the State Personal Assistance (SPAS) program to serve all individuals on the waiting list;
- NO cuts to existing DD services.

If any or all of these issues are important to you or someone you know, [share your thoughts with your State Senator today!](#)

How to Take Action

[Contact your State Senator](#) ASAP. Share your personal story and why the issues below are important to you, your family, or someone you know:

- Rate restoration for waiver providers to 2008 levels;
- Language to implement a TEFRA program;
- Funding for Northwest LA & Florida Parishes Human Services Districts/Authorities;
- Serving people on the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) waiting list.

Interested in watching the Senate debate HB105 in-person or online?

Check out the [legislature's website](#) to view updated schedules and agendas. You can also watch the live broadcast by clicking on the camera icon when the meeting is in progress.

Need help getting involved?

Do you need help making contact with your legislator(s) or want to become more involved in LaCAN activities? Contact your regional [LaCAN Leader](#) today!

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