



Action Alert #8

Your State Representative Needs to Hear the Importance of DD Services

May 6, 2019



The state's budget for Fiscal Year 20 (FY20) is headed to the House Floor. Your State Representative needs to hear from you!

The Appropriations Committee met on Monday, May 6th, and passed an amended version of the state's FY20 budget ([HB105](#)). Included in the adopted [amendments](#) is the funding to restore home and community-based provider rates to 2008 levels and implement the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option. Advocacy works!!

While funding for the rate restoration and TEFRA are included, these two issues important to the disability community are not:

- Additional funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program to serve all individuals on the waiting list; or
- Additional funding for the two Human Services Districts/Authorities with the lowest state funding per capita - Northwest LA & Florida Parishes.

The amended budget now goes to the full House. If any of these issues are important to you or someone you know, [contact your State Representative](#) and communicate the importance of the rate restoration, TEFRA and other services for people with disabilities mentioned above.

How to Take Action

[Contact your State Representative](#) by Thursday, May 9th. Share your personal story and how you, your family or someone you know have been or would be impacted by any of the issues below.

Finish by telling them about the importance of the following to you/your family:

- Rate Restoration to 2008 levels;
- Implementation of the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option;
- Serving people on the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) waiting list; or
- Equitable funding for the two Human Services Districts/Authorities with the lowest state funding per capita - Northwest LA & Florida Parishes.

Interested in watching the House meet in-person or online?

The House is scheduled to debate HB105 on Thursday, May 9th. Advocates interested in attending are encouraged to monitor the [legislature's website](#) for meeting time. You can also watch the live broadcast by clicking on the camera icon when the House is in session.

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!

CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!

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