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Ms. April Dunn, Chairperson
LA Developmental Disabilities Council
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Dear Ms. Dunn:

The Division of Administration was made aware of the legislative expectations and outcomes sought by the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council (LDDC) through informal conversations with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). They were the initiatives outlined in your letter of June 27 and additionally six months of rate restoration to home and community based providers to provide relief for FY19. The rate restoration initiative was successfully funded during the legislative session using the identified dollars of the NOW Fund and new appropriations, respectively. The original initiatives funded by the NOW Fund are to be annualized as identified in the letter.

The Division of Administration has been assured by LDH that, based on current utilization of the NOW Fund and after full implementation of the aforementioned funding initiatives, there will remain at least \$1 million in the NOW Fund. In the future, the Division of Administration and LDH will make a more concerted effort to coordinate and collaborate with the LDDC on the utilization of the NOW Fund.

Lastly, the Division of Administration is in agreement that this was a very successful legislative session for people with disabilities and their families. A special thanks goes to the LDDC for efforts made by your agency to make this happen.

Very truly yours,


Jay Dardenne
Commissioner of Administration

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