



Action Alert #5

Let Your State Representative Know the Importance of Continuing Certain COVID-19 Waiver Exceptions!

May 3, 2021



Tuesday, May 4th

HB204 by Representative Turner is headed to the House Floor for final debate. Your State Representative needs to hear from you! ([Agenda](#))

The House Health and Welfare Committee met on Thursday, April 28th, and passed an amended version of [HB204](#) which would allow certain emergency COVID-19 exceptions in the Medicaid Waiver and Long Term Personal Care Services programs to continue permanently. Specifically, HB204, if passed, would:

- Allow for direct service workers (DSW) to live in the same home as the individual they support with required documentation and verification of services provided
- Not limit the number of individual and family support service hours a DSW may work in a 24-hour period should the scheduled DSW become unavailable or the person receiving services is uncomfortable with multiple people in their home
- Allow for remote quarterly visits by providers, case managers and support coordinators if requested by the individual receiving services

If this issue is important to you or someone you know, contact your State Representative **NOW!**

How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how the issues above affect you, your family, or someone you know.

1. **Email or call** your State Representative before the House meets Tuesday, May 4th!
 - Click [here](#) for State Representative's full contact information.
 - Don't know your State Representative? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

As the Council and LaCAN continue to practice mitigation efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we will not hold official Yellow Shirt Days in-person at this time and encourage everyone to advocate safely.

Get Involved Virtually

- Watch committee meetings live from the [legislature's website](#). When the meeting is in progress, click the camera icon to access the broadcast.
- Host committee watch parties on social media and/or post a video sharing your personal story
 - Tag your friends, representatives, senators, and policymakers
 - Use hashtags #LaDDC, #lalege, #LaCAN
- Email, tweet, message, etc. members of the committee before and during the committee meeting and share how the issues above will impact you/your loved ones

Tips & Tools for Advocacy

Looking for tips and tools to help you in your advocacy? Check out the Council's [Advocacy 101](#) page. You can also find tips for:

- [Writing/emailing your legislators](#)
- [Calling your legislators](#)
- [Writing your story](#)

Confirm Your Action

- Email your [LaCAN Leader](#) after you take action
- Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are reaching you with important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Contact Us

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