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PROTECT DISABILITY SERVICES FROM CUTS

WHAT CAN LEGISLATORS DO

Protect the disability & elderly communities

Work to find real solutions to address any budget shortfalls in FY26 and future years

Lives depend on your actions

WHY DO THIS

Louisiana is known for its great food, friendly people, hurricanes and unfortunately, fiscal cliffs.

- Special tax session was held in November to reduce personal and corporate income taxes, reduce exemptions and increase the state's sales tax by .55%.
- Prior to this session, Louisiana was facing a $400-700 million shortfall in FY26.
- Opinions are mixed on whether the tax reforms will completely address the budget shortfall next year or in future years.

In Louisiana, constitutional protections force the legislature to target the Department of Health (LDH) in times of fiscal crisis.

- LDH was asked by the legislature to explain what would happen if they received a $100 million cut.
- Services to be reduced and/or cut listed on the back of this sheet.
- These are the services and supports individuals and families rely on to keep people in their homes and communities and out of more costly institutional settings.
- Tens of thousands of individuals with disabilities and the elderly will be impacted.

Advocates over the years have fought hard to ensure Louisiana supports its citizens that need help. Yet, the disability and elderly community live in constant fear of losing services. Protecting our most vulnerable populations is the right thing to do.

LDH POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS

On August 30, 2024, LDH appeared before House Appropriations to discuss the impacts a $100 million reduction in their budget would have. Below are the list of services and supports that may be eliminated or reduced should revenue not be identified in FY26.

- Eliminating Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
- Eliminating Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE)
- Eliminating Adult Day Healthcare Waivers (ADHC)
- Repeal rate increases in Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) and Community Choices Waiver (CCW)
- Eliminate 2025 rate increase for Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
- Eliminate 2025 rate increase for night rate services in DD waivers
- Eliminate the transportation per diem in DD waivers
- Eliminate the rate increase for Support Coordination Services
- Reduce Coordinated System of Care (CSoC)

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