



Legislative Priorities of The Phoenix Residence

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STATE LEVEL:

The Governor's Biennium Budget Proposal targets Minnesota's waiver services with significant cuts. He's proposing \$600 million in cuts over 4 years.

- Capping the 2-year inflationary adjustment to 2% will deepen the workforce shortage we are already in
- Leading to diminished quality of care and access
- Which could lead to families being forced to find alternative care if group homes close
- The disability community has been severely underfunded for years—this requires ongoing investments in the community, not a one-time support

Bills to Support:

- Best Life Alliance Wage Increases for DSPs & Supervisors (SF 402/HF 382)
- Indirect Billing for IHS Services (SF 400/HF 1095)
- ARRM Policy Bill (SF 401/HF 381)
- Technology Grant (SF 1177/HF 1166)

See ARRM's Legislative Agenda for more details on these bills.



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FEDERAL LEVEL:

Congress is currently working to pass legislation that could have a profound negative impact on Medicaid-funded I/DD services. A budget framework moving forward in the U.S. House of Representatives **calls for up to \$2 trillion in budget cuts over ten years** and directs the House Energy & Commerce Committee—which has jurisdiction over Medicaid—to cut at least \$880 billion in spending.

...This would mean deep and devastating cuts to Medicaid funding. **Medicaid is what funds the people we support.** They rely on this funding every day.

- Proposals to limit federal funding, including block grants and per capita caps, seek to limit Medicaid funding based on number of individuals enrolled rather than ensuring states receive share based on total need.
- Federal Medicaid cuts would shift the costs to states
- When new funding sources at the state cannot be found, services are at risk of being cut or resort to individuals being placed in expensive hospitals and institutions.

We need to protect Medicaid and reject these harmful cuts.

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