

SPECIAL WOI LEGISLATIVE ALERT AND CALL TO ACTION

The services we provide to consumers with Intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) are, again, facing serious threats in the General Assembly. The 1915 (b)(c) waiver has been resurrected, which means that IDD services will be forced into a managed care model.

A second threat is that the House will probably be releasing its version of the budget, and deep cuts to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected. After the terrible funding reductions of the past two years, Community Rehabilitation Programs cannot stand the double hit that will come from managed care rules and another deep funding cut.

Call your legislators, regardless of their party affiliation, and tell them about your concerns. We are discouraging e-mails to legislators (because we believe that most are not read). Our Senator is **Dan Soucek** he can be reached at **(919)733-5742**, and our House Representative is **Jonathan Jordan** and he can be reached at **(919)733-7727**.

What to say when you call?

“We have grave concerns regarding DHHS Plan for Expansion of the 1915 (b)(c) Managed Care Waiver.” Here are a few talking points:

- 1915 (b)(c) Managed Care Waiver does not guarantee I/DD services
- Please add the 1915i option or other I/DD service guarantees
- Families/advocates need to be at the table!
- Slow down, talk to people that will be impacted, let consumers and their families and providers give you their input
- Individuals with I/DD don't need a medical recovery system, they need sustained habilitation and on-going support services
- Don't do away with independent case management
- Express concern about how the waiver will impact existing services.
- How will existing services be preserved?
- Please avoid funding cuts for critical I/DD services. Preserve and protect current level of services.
- The I/DD Community - including consumers, families, and providers is not in support of the b/c Combo waiver!