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FAMILY SUPPORT

ADVOCACY UPDATE

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FISCAL YEAR 2012 MASS. BUDGET SIGNED BY GOV. PATRICK



On July 11, 2011, Governor Deval Patrick signed the state's new \$30.6 billion annual budget for FY 2012. The Governor did not veto any of the spending budget presented to him by the Legislature, but he did veto 16 outside sections to the budget, some of which are indirectly related to disability services (outside sections on Adult Day Health and other health care sections could have an impact on health related services).

According to advocates, budget priorities and specific language items favorable to people with Intellectual and Development Disabilities (I/DD) were preserved in the final version of the budget. It appears that the legislature intends to maintain existing levels of service and existing rates as long as possible during the year. Nevertheless, both The Arc of MA and the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers (ADDP) believe that funding for Medicaid-supported programs such as Day Habilitation and Adult Foster Care may need to be supplemented before the end of FY 2012.

The final budget still calls for significant cuts to DDS Respite and Family Support services. In fact, up to 1000 families caring for people with I/DD in their homes may lose services this year due to a \$5 million shortfall in this account. Day and Employment services fared better with a \$1 million increase over FY 11 and the Autism Division gained nearly \$493,000 over the previous year.

Advocates also believe that the total appropriation for the Mass Health budget in FY 12 is underfunded by over \$800,000. The administration expects Mass Health administrators to save this amount with cost cutting in other areas.

The Arc and ADDP among other advocacy groups plan to keep close watch over state revenues and spending as the year unfolds. They are already planning to ask for a supplemental budget of \$ 5 Million to bring FY 12 Family Support funds back to the FY 11 level so that current levels of service can be maintained. They will also monitor spending for Day Habilitation and Adult Foster Care and request supplemental funds if necessary.



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