



Advocacy Matters Newsletter

Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

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Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

We are effectively at crossover, the deadline when a bill that originates in one chamber must move to the other chamber to be considered before the end of the session. The House is not meeting in session this week. They will come back for a session next week after to the pass a budget, April 6th. The budget has been front and center in the House for weeks with tons of issues between mainly the Governor and the House. The political parties are seeming to be aligned on a lot but no necessarily with the Governor. Senate will fall in line with Governor.

The full House Finance Committee will meet this week to hammer out the final budget. The final Division documents will be available today. Division III is recommending a Medicaid rate increase. There is some movement among the DD lines. Once we see all actually print, it will be easier to really see where things are headed.

Last week the House passed:

- HB 238, having DHHS receive input for the DD quality control council
- HB 308, allowing remote participation in Board meetings
- HB 642, expanding the allowable budget for DD services on wait list

SB 85, the emergency behavioral services bill, has a public hearing in the House on Wednesday the 29th at 1:00.

SB 86, the Medicaid rate increase bill, is up for a vote in the Senate this week. It should pass easily.

I will stay closely tuned to the budget in the House and once it moves to the Senate we will see more changes. - Teresa

Brain Injury Legislative Status Report

Attached find the most recent Brain Injury Legislative Status Report for your review.

Take care,

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