



Advocacy Matters Newsletter

Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

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State Budget Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

Next week in the House is *budget, budget, budget*. It will be a partisan fight but the Dems have already lost one member of the House Finance who is voting with the Republicans, so unless there is a new pandemic or a horrible storm, I think the Republican budget passes to the Senate. However, there will be many floor amendment and antics.

Is there anything in HB 1 or 2 for individuals with brain injuries? Nothing changed for us in HB 1 except the items listed in HB 2 below.

Carry Forward of current biennium Funds

219 Department of Health and Human Services; Developmental Services, Acquired Brain Disorder Services, and In-home Support Waiver. Pursuant to RSA 171-A:8-b, the department of health and human services shall be authorized to carry forward funds from state fiscal year 2023 in the developmental services fund, acquired brain disorder services fund, and in-home support waiver fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RSA 171-A for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. Funds unexpended from the following accounts in the biennium ending June 30, 2023 shall be carried forward and treated as restricted revenue for the purpose of funding expenditures from those accounts in the biennium ending June 30, 2025: 05-95-93-930010-7100, Developmental Services; 05- 95-93-930010-7016, Acquired Brain Disorder Services; and 05-95-93-930010-7110, Children's InHome Support Services.

Medicaid rate increase

242 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Targeted Medicaid Rate Increases. In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the following amounts for the purpose of increasing rates paid to service providers. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Said rate increases shall go into effect no later than January 1, 2024. If feasible, the department shall implement any of the rate increases prior to that date, with priority given to those the commissioner has deemed most critical. For all appropriations below, the department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. For each appropriation, the department shall report to the fiscal committee of the general court, by October 1, 2023, the

accounting units in the state operating budget to which funds will be or have been allocated, along with the rate increases that will be provided from the funds appropriated:

XII. \$4,652,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$9,304,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to providers of early supports and services, developmental services, acquired brain disorder services, and children's in-home support services.

The Senate has only Committee meetings and no session until after the House passes the budget. **HR 642**, dealing with waitlist Registry and budget flexibility for DD has a hearing in the Senate. **SB 32**, the opioid abatement trust fund has a hearing in the House.

Always fun up here! Teresa

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Take care,

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