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To: The Arc of Minnesota
Subject: [ArcMNAActionAlert] URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON PARENTAL FEES, OTHER ARC OF MN PRIORITIES

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*The Arc of Minnesota
Action Alert
May 24, 2005
www.arcminnesota.com*

***URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON
PARENTAL FEES,
OTHER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES***

The Minnesota Legislature did not pass the omnibus bills on education and health and human services before adjourning on May 23, 2005. The Governor has convened a Special Session starting Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

The parental fee language included in House and Senate Health and Human Services Omnibus Bills (HF 1422 and SF 2278) is by no means final. The relief provided in these bills can still be reduced because of pressures on lawmakers to balance the state budget. We must still must press our legislators to ensure that the amount of relief in HF 1422 and SF 2278 is included in the final health and human services omnibus bill.

***Contact your legislators and Health and Human Service
conference committee members with the following message:***

"Please keep the commitment made to families by legislative leaders this session to provide much needed relief on parental fees. Please support the relief included in HF 1422 and SF 2278."

Also contact your legislators and Health and Human Service conference committee members with the following message about other elements in the House and Senate Health and Human Services Omnibus Bills:

"Please support The Arc of Minnesota's legislative and budget priorities in the final Health and Human Service Omnibus Bill, which include:

- * ***Funding for the Region X Quality Assurance Project and the Statewide Quality Assurance Study***
- * ***Elimination of the \$500 Medical Assistance dental cap and Medical Assistance co-pays***
- * ***Cost of Living Increases***

Thank you for including the Consumer Directed Community Supports exceptions language in the Omnibus Bill."

Please e-mail these legislators AND make a phone call today. Call and send e-mails each week on the above issues until the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill is passed.

The members of the Health and Human Services Conference Committee are:

Senate Conferees:

- * Sen. Linda Berglin (Minneapolis) - Senate Chair; 651-296-4261; www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/bios/sendis61.htm
- * Sen. John Hottinger (St. Peter); 651-296-6153; sen.john.hottinger@senate.mn
- * Sen. Yvonne Prettner Solon (Duluth); 651-296-4188; sen.yvonne.prettner.solon@senate.mn
- * Sen. Becky Lourey (Kerrick); 651-296-0293; sen.becky.lourey@senate.mn
- * Sen. Paul Koering (Fort Ripley); 651-296-4875; sen.paul.koering@senate.mn

House Conferees:

- * Rep. Fran Bradley (Rochester) - House Chair; 651-296-9249; rep.fran.bradley@house.mn
- * Rep. Tim Wilkin (Eagan); 651-296-3533; rep.tim.wilkin@house.mn
- * Rep. Jim Abeler (Anoka); 651-296-1729; rep.jim.abeler@house.mn
- * Rep. Duke Powell (Burnsville); 651-296-4212; rep.duke.powell@house.mn
- * Rep. Mary Ellen Otremba (Long Prairie); 651-296-3201; rep.maryellen.otremba@house.mn

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Amendment on Consumer-Directed Community Supports within the DD Waiver
Contact Steve Larson The ARC of MN 651-523-0879 x115 or Anne Henry 612-746-3754

Uncodified language

Section 1. [CONSUMER-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS METHODOLOGY.]

For persons using the home and community-based waiver for developmental disabilities whose the Consumer-Directed Community Supports budgets were reduced by the October, 2004 state set budget methodology, the commissioner must allow exceptions to exceed the state set budget formula amount when the individual's county of financial responsibility determines that: (1) necessary alternative services will cost the same or more than the person's current budget and (2) administrative expenses or provider rates will result in less hours of staffing for the person than under the consumer directed community supports option. Any exceptions the county grants must be within the county's allowable aggregate amount for the home and community waiver for persons with developmental disabilities unless otherwise directed by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. [COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES.]

The expenses allowed for adults under the Consumer-Directed Community Supports option shall include costs, including transportation, associated with physical exercise or other physical activities to maintain or improve the person's health and functioning.

Sec. 3. [WAIVER AMENDMENT.]

The commissioner of human services shall submit an amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services consistent with sections 1 and 2 by August 1, 2005.

Sec. 4. [Independent Evaluation and Review of Unallowable Items]

The commissioner of human services shall include in the independent evaluation of the Consumer-Directed Community Supports option provided through the home and community-based services waivers for persons with disabilities under 65 years of age: (1) provision for ongoing, regular stakeholder representatives participation through June 30, 2007; (2) recommendations on whether changes to the unallowable items or should be made to meet the health, safety, or welfare needs of participants in the Consumer-Directed Community Supports option within the allowed budget amounts. The recommendations on allowable items shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance issues by January 15, 2006.

Sec 5 [Review of Caseload]

The commissioner shall review the statewide caseload changes for the disability waiver programs for persons under 65 years old which occurred since the state set budget methodology implementation on October 1, 2004. If the actual experience does not meet department projections and therefore does not require a thirty percent discount of the amount the formula projects providers would be paid, the discount amount shall be reduced consistent with budgetary requirements for the each waiver program for persons with disabilities under 65 years of age on November 1, 2005.

Sec 6 [NEW METHODOLOGY REQUIRED]

The commissioner shall develop a new budget methodology for the consumer directed community supports option within the waiver for persons with developmental disabilities which is based on reliable accurate information about the service and supports intensity needs of persons using the option and which adequately accounts for the increased costs of adults who graduate from school and need services funded by the waiver during the day. The new methodology shall be developed in conjunction with stakeholders and shall be effective by July 1, 2006.

Sec 7 [County Flexibility with Any Cost of Living Adjustment Appropriated]

The counties shall have flexibility to use the amount of any COLA provided for the 2006-2007 biennium which covers consumer directed services under the waiver for persons with developmental disabilities in a manner which will preserve that option for children and adults living in their family homes. Otherwise, counties must distribute the COLA as directed by the commissioner.

Sec. 8. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 and 2 are effective upon federal approval of the waiver amendment in section 3. Sections 3, and 4 5,6 and 7 are effective the day following final enactment.

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> > I want to express my appreciation once again for attending a meeting to
> > discuss the CDCS option. At this stage, we have completed a management
> > document for the commissioner which outlines the necessary steps for a
> > withdrawal of the option from our five waiver programs.
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> > I do not anticipate that there will be any decision at this time to
> > proceed
> > with a withdrawal. I believe that the commissioner sincerely is
> > interested
> > in moving forward to fully implement CDCS. Both Loren and I have spoken
> > with him several times. He continued to make clear that this option was
> > not one that he would decide to implement lightly.
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> > In my discussions with Legal Aid and ARC on this matter, I've indicated
> > that there is a desire here at DHS to implement the current option and
> to
> > try to continue discussions for a next phase of improvements.
> > Additionally, I intend on scheduling a follow up meeting with the work
> > group that looked at the MR/RC budget methodology. I want to talk with
> > them about the recommendations and discuss next steps.
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> > Thanks again.
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