



State of Connecticut
Department of Developmental Services



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Good morning,

Last week, in response to a projected revenue shortfall of almost \$400 million, Governor Malloy announced a series of rescissions for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017. The impact of these rescissions on the Department of Developmental Service will result in a reduction to the amount of funding that is available to spend through the remainder of the year. The rescissions and their potential impact are described below:

- **Family Support Grants** (\$186,911): Currently, there are more than 500 requests for Family Support Grants pending. Given the reduction, the regions will be reassessing those requests to grant funding based on greatest need.
- **Behavioral Services Program** (\$100,000): There is currently a waiting list for services in this program. The rescission will result in fewer individuals coming off of the BSP Waiting List when other individuals age out of the program and are funded through the Community Residential Services program.
- **Supplemental Payments for Medical Services** (\$120,000): This rescission will have no impact on supports for individuals. Funding levels are driven by the census in DDS institutions.
- **Rent Subsidy** (\$100,000): This rescission may result in delayed payments.
- **Employment and Day Opportunities** (\$1,000,000): This rescission can be absorbed without impact to currently supported individuals. The reduction reflects the funding that was held in reserve for the conversion of publically-operated day programs to community operated day programs.

Regional staff will work with individuals and families who may be impacted by the rescissions. Looking beyond FY 2017, in a continued effort to come to consensus on a 2018-2019 biennial budget, the Governor and legislature have released multiple revised budget proposals this week. We will be reviewing all of this information in the coming days to determine potential impact on the department. However, nothing is certain or final until a single budget is passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor.

I understand that the uncertainty of the budget process is stressful for everyone and weighs on the minds of individuals with intellectual disability, their families and caregivers, and the thousands of staff who provide services in public and private settings. I continue to commit to sharing as much information, in as timely a manner, as possible.

Sincerely,

Jordan Scheff