

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

FMAP Extension Needed to Avoid Additional Medicaid Cuts July 7, 2010

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Dear Shawn,

If Congress does NOT approve an extension to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase, Louisiana's Medicaid program, including services for people with disabilities, would face additional cuts.

If you are concerned about more cuts that would happen without the FMAP extension, now is the time to **CALL** Senator Vitter and Senator Landrieu's district offices **by July 12th**. Ask to speak to the staff person who covers health issues and let them know you support an extension of FMAP.

See Sample Phone Message below.

For this issue, national disability organizations have indicated that advocates should **CALL** senate district offices **by Monday, July 12th**.

Sample Message

May I please speak to the staff person who covers health?

I am calling to urge Senator _____ to do everything possible to ensure that the Medicaid FMAP increase is extended.

People with disabilities depend on Medicaid for their very survival. Without an extension of the Medicaid FMAP increase, we will lose vital services.

Contact Senator Mary Landrieu

Shreveport Office - (318) 676-3085

Baton Rouge Office - (225) 389-0395

Lake Charles Office - (337) 436-6650

New Orleans Office - (504) 589-2427

Contact Senator David Vitter

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Alexandria Office - (318) 448-0169

Monroe Office - (318) 325-8120

Shreveport Office - (318) 861-0437

Metairie Office - (504) 589-2753

Lake Charles Office - (337) 436-0453

Lafayette Office - 337-262-6898

Baton Rouge Office - 225-383-0331

**Confirm your Action**

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Reply to this email to let us know you took action.

Background Information

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The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) is the percentage of State Medicaid funding that is covered by the Federal Government. Currently, Louisiana receives an 80% match of federal funds through the FMAP. On January 1, 2011 the FMAP is scheduled to be reduced to 63% causing a significant reduction in federal funds.

Congress has not yet passed an extension of the increase in the FMAP.

Without an FMAP extension, Louisiana faces dramatic reductions in the amount of Medicaid funds it will receive from the Federal Government.

A severe FMAP reduction could result in further rate reductions to home and community based waiver services, EPSDT, Medicaid state plan services such as doctors, hospitals, long term personal care services (LT-PCS), etc. This would make it even more difficult to find a DSP or a doctor who accepts Medicaid.

It has been reported to LaCAN that:

- Senator Landrieu is in support of the extension of the FMAP increase.
- Senator Vitter is opposed to the extension of the FMAP increase.

**Any Questions?**

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If there are any questions about the information in this email contact LaCAN's Coordinator by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below.

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