

Stop the Rate Cuts!

Home and Community Based Service Providers on the Brink of Collapse

Facts First

- **Current HCBS rates do not cover wages and expenses for providing basic services.**
- **Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) provider rates have been cut four times since February 2009.**
- **Services have been cut or discontinued by many HCBS providers.**
- **Additional cuts would further threaten needed services.**

What the Governor and Legislators Can Do

Prevent further rate reductions to Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) providers.

Why Do This?

These agencies are providing services that cost more for them to provide than the reimbursement rate they receive from Medicaid. Some providers have already discontinued some services. Others are on the verge of closing their doors.

Home and Community Based Service agencies provide essential services to help individuals with developmental disabilities live independently in their own homes and communities.

Home and community-based services are necessary as Louisiana transitions individuals out of its large Developmental Centers.

Any further rate cuts will increase the strain on providers and jeopardize the services people with developmental disabilities need to live safely and independently in their communities.

Keep People in the Community

Louisiana should continue downsizing and consolidating costly Developmental Centers and reallocate the cost savings into Home and Community Based Services.