

STOP the 7% cut NOW!



Best Life Alliance legislation prevents a devastating 7% cut to the rates Minnesotans with disabilities rely on. It does so by directing critical investments in quality and workforce competitiveness factors.

People with disabilities rely on reimbursement rates set by the state to pay for essentially all the services and direct staff support they need to live their best life.

(95% of community-based services are paid for by Medicaid)

Direction from the federal government via Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will **cut rates for supportive services by 7% beginning July 1, 2018.**

Millions of dollars needed for quality and keeping Direct Support Professional wages competitive will be wiped out for thousands of people.

DSP job vacancies make up approximately 9% of all job vacancies in the state. Allowing a 7% cut while the rest of Minnesota's economy moves forward may prove devastating to affected individuals and their staff.

The State Legislature can stop this cut and strengthen the system for setting supportive service rates -- it must ACT this session to prevent irreversible damage.

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Historical quality and workforce competitiveness investments codified in rate setting system stop the cut resulting from the direction from the federal government.

Moving automatic rate adjustments to every two years ensures reimbursement rates keep pace with actual economic conditions.

Pass Best Life Alliance legislation this year to support a stronger and more stable system for people with disabilities and the direct care staff who support them.