



Charlottesville Region Autism Action Group

CRAAG Supports These Budget Amendments

As of 2/2/2021

House Budget Amendments

Item	Patron	Description
138 #12h	Plum	Plan to improve post-secondary transition planning and services for students with disabilities
313 #6h	Hope	Increase Medicaid Works eligibility
313 #7h	Hope	In-home Supports and Supported Employment Retainer payments
313 #8h	Aird	Rate Increase for Personal Care Services
313 #14h	Hope	Day Support Program Retainer payments
313 #12h	Sickles	Report on rebasing DD waiver services
313 #29h	Sickles	Add 425 FIS waiver slots
425 #2h	Hayes	Children's autism alert expansion

<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendments/2021/1/HB1800/Introduced/MR/>

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Senate Budget Amendment

313 #8s	Barker	Increase Supported Living waiver rate to equalize it with Group Home rate
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<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2021/1/SB1100/Introduced/MR/313/8s/>

The Arc of Virginia is lobbying to **End the Inclusion Penalty** by advocating for parity in rates for all community based waiver services. During waiver redesign, "Supported Living" was created as a new service designed to

provide up to 24 hours/day of support in a person's home, *which is 30% less than the "Group Home" daily rate*. Because of this inequity, there are only 150 people statewide receiving "Supported Living" services!

When the waiver rate increases were put back into the state biennial budget in 2020, waiver services designed to support independent living such as "In-Home Support Services," "Supported Living," "Independent Living Supports" and "Community Engagement" had their rate increases delayed until July 2021. Rate increases for more restrictive services such as "Group Home" and "Sponsored Residential" took effect January 1, 2021.

CRAAG supports the Arc's effort to **End the Inclusion Penalty**. Please contact your local legislators and ask them to support [Senate Budget Amendment Item 313 #8s](#) (Supported Living Residential Daily Rate).

Visit these webpages for regular updates, and sign up for Action Alerts to keep aware of pending legislation and how you can help.

[The Arc of Virginia's Action Center](#)

[The Arc's 2021 Advocacy Toolkit](#)

[Virginia Autism Project Alerts on Facebook Page](#)

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[Virginia Association of Community Service Boards](#)

[Virginia Network of Private Providers](#)

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