

EARLY INTERVENTION

-Deaf Children Bill of Rights

In 2014, Rep. LeDoux introduced, "An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing." This legislation is expected to be brought up again in 2015.

Five year plan application:

6.1.2 Continue to advise the state in policy and procedural changes regarding early intervention services for young children who are deaf or hard of hearing

- a) Advocate for an automatic data exchange between EI/ILP and Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) by 2011-2012
- b) Participate on Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Committee by 2011-2016 (ongoing)

6.1.6 Develop capacity building strategies to ensure the needs of young children who are deaf or hard of hearing are met

- a) Work with state EI/ILP staff to create a training program to increase the number of ILP staff trained to work with children who are deaf or hard of hearing by 2011-2016

HEALTH/COMMUNITY CHOICE AND SUPPORTS

-Medicaid adjustments for reduce & reuse (Patrick)

Reduce and reuse allows durable medical equipment to be recycled. Medicaid may be more open to the idea of reuse and recycling to save the State money.

Five year plan application:

2.1.5 Collaborate with ATLA and the Assistive Technology Coalition to get a State Assistive Technology Reuse Program in Place

- a) Attend June 31-August 1, 2012 planning meeting by 2012-2013
- b) Incorporate reuse component into Trust FY14 budget recommendation process by 2012-2013
- c) Prepare Return on Investment write-ups specific to targeted audiences by 2012-2013
- d) Schedule meetings to discuss re-use program with state agency administrators (i.e., Medicaid director, Education commissioner) by 2012-2013
- e) Identify legislative champion(s) by 2012-2016
- f) Coordinate grassroots advocacy activities by 2012-2016

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- a) Develop recommendations for potential Medicaid cost savings based on research by 2011-2012
- b) Write letter to DHSS Commissioner with recommendations by 2012-2013
- c) Share above letter with state legislators by 2012-2013
- d) Share above letter with congressional delegation by 2012-2013
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-Medicaid preauthorization (Alex)

From Alex

“...propose a review of exactly how state Medicaid conducts those preauthorization. It occurs to me that once a medicine / equipment is approved, it ought to stay approved until the prescription is renewed, at which time we go through the process again.

This may be related to an effort to control costs by making the process slow enough that people simply go elsewhere. But I would like to find out what the actual rules and how they are applied. Should they not be applied regularly and fairly, then we should support changes in internal rules and / or legislation to remedy the problem.”

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FASD

-FASD Campaign

Lots of momentum in Alaska regarding FASD.

OTHER

-Disability Designation on ID/License

Representative Thompson introduced HB 232 in 2014, which would allow for a disability designation on ID/License. It was referred to House State Affairs Committee and the House Finance Committee, but only heard once in House State Affairs. Representative Thompson plans to re-introduce this bill in 2015.

Five year plan application:

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