



Legislative Agenda 2007-08

1. **Maintain and Expand Community-Based Services Dollars for Virginians with Disabilities**
 - ◆ Retain the ability of the community-based system to meet the existing urgent and growing needs of Virginians with disabilities.
2. **Promote an increase in provider rates for MR Waiver based on the cost of providing services.**
 - ◆ Secure a rate differential in MR Waiver rates for high cost areas of the state (20%)
 - ◆ Secure an additional increase in MR Waiver provider rates (14%)
 - ◆ Secure increase in MR Waiver Competitive Supported Employment rate to parallel existing DRS supported employment rates.
 - ◆ Promote the addition of 1,000 slots for MR Waiver
 - ◆ Promote the development of a cost-based rate setting methodology for Medicaid waiver services.
3. **Persons with Disabilities Who Want to Work Need the Necessary Supports to Work**
 - ◆ Secure additional Long Term Employment Support Services Funding (+1,000)
 - ◆ Promote the development of a State Use Program for Persons with Disabilities and other barriers to employment
 - ◆ Promote employment supports for individuals with psychiatric disorders.
 - ◆ Support the implementation of a quality Medicaid Buy-In program in Virginia.
4. **Support efforts to increase access to services for Virginians with brain injury.**
 - Support the development of a Brain Injury Waiver.
 - Secure funding to expand statewide infrastructure of services for individuals with brain injury including veterans.
5. **Support efforts to secure additional funding for:**
 - ◆ Community services for special education graduates and adults in crisis who are not eligible for Medicaid funding and/or waiver services
 - ◆ Expanded eligibility criteria for Medicaid Recipients (80% to 100% of FPL)
6. **Promote the expansion of choice for consumers in delivery of services by private community – based rehabilitation programs.**
7. **Promote language or influence action to lengthen units of service, streamline pre-authorization process and forms, and reduce overall paperwork in MR & DD Waiver and Medicaid SPO services.**

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