

Dear Ms. Jacksi;

I am writing on behalf of those who have no voice. I am a friend of 29 year old deaf & blind Sean Freeman Wenlock. I am under the impression that "on the quiet" your organization is cutting funds to Denver Options which would impact on Sean and his quality of life as well as his parents.

According to the CMS Waiver Steering Committee report to the General Public, dated December 8, 2008, no such changes are to be made without notification to the parties involved. This lack of information has thrown an entire family into turmoil. The implementation of changes to cut funds would impact on Sean's life and his parents to such an extreme that it threatens to endanger all their health and welfare. And, I might add, they are only one such family. How many lives will be impacted by this cut back.

The developmentally disabled need assistance. Laws have been written to help ensure this happens. Why now is this being changed with a population that has no other options to ensure a quality of life or even perhaps a life at all? How can we possibly put monies into objects, cars, banks, at the cost of human lives? The people affected the most here are the most vulnerable in society. Is it not our duty to ensure their care from our collected compassionate perspective?

I'm urging you to please do whatever you can to avert the cutbacks here. I am also copying press agencies to please investigate this matter to also assist in averting it. We need to continue to do our best to help the developmentally disabled from this vital loss of support.  
Sincerely, Paulette Mahurin, R.N. Family Nurse Practitioner

From: Sharon Jacksi <[Sharon.Jacksi@state.co.us](mailto:Sharon.Jacksi@state.co.us)>

Subject: Re: Funds being cut for developmentally disabled Date: Saturday, June 13, 2009, 4:27 PM

Dear Ms. Mahurin, I am looking into this matter. I do want you to know that appropriate notification to all parties involved has been made, as federal regulations require 30 days notice. The changes being made to the Supported Living Services Waiver are a requirement of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. Thank you for your information. Sharon

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Dear Ms. Jacksi,

Thank you for looking into this matter.

Please be informed that according to the information I have appropriate notification might not been made to the parents and the 30 days federal required notification notice might not have been met by Denver Options. A meeting was scheduled for May 21 by Denver Options, but Denver Options cancelled the meeting. No meeting has taken place and no written notification was provided.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Paulette M. Mahurin, Family Nurse Practitioner