

Subject: Next Steps on Paid Parent Caregivers
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Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

First: If you DO NOT want to be on this distribution list related to paid parent caregivers of minor children, please let me know and we will get you removed immediately!

At long last, I have been able to power through my technology issues and access the interested parties list. Attached, you will find a couple of documents:

- Answers to all of the questions that were entered into the chat at our 12/9 stakeholder discussion
- A grid showing the costs and assumptions that went into estimating the costs of the current temporary program, the status quo, the program proposed in Senator Knopp's measure and the program proposed by the Senate Human Services Committee.

Both bills have been introduced and were both referred to my committee yesterday. I am working now on the committee plan for the session. Soon, I should have projected dates for public hearings on these measures. The members of the Senate Human Services Committee are:

Chair, Senator Sara Gelser Blouin
Vice Chair, Senator Art Robinson
Member, Senator Floyd Prozanski
Member, Senator James Manning
Member, Senator Suzanne Weber

Our committee administrators are Iva Sokolovska and Matthew Perreault. You can access information about the committee in general—and subscribe to have all agendas sent directly to your email—by navigating to this link for our [Senate Human Services Committee](#) page.

Senator Knopp's Bill (for short, the State Medicaid Plan version) is SB 646. You can read the measure at this link- [SB 646](#). The bill page, where you can subscribe to receive email updates about all scheduled events for the bill can be found [at this link](#). To subscribe just navigate to that link, and then click on the e-subscribe button in the upper right hand corner.

The Senate Human Services Committee bill (for short, the Medicaid Waiver version) is SB 91. You can read the measure at this link [SB 91](#). The bill page, where you can subscribe to receive email updates about all scheduled events for the bill can be found at [this link](#). To subscribe just navigate to that link, and then click on the e-subscribe button in the upper right hand corner.

If you are interested in seeing documents from prior hearings, here are some additional links that might be useful to you (the links are in the hyperlinks):

[6/3/2022 Senate Human Services Committee Hearing](#) – If you navigated to this page, you can watch the hearing by clicking on the “play” button in the right hand column next to the date listing for 6/3/2022

[All meeting materials from 6/3/2022](#)—At this link, you will find access to all materials submitted for the 6/3/2022 hearing for all topics.

[ODDS Presentation to Senate Human Services on 6/3/2022](#)- This includes data about the history of this topic and some data about ODDS kids' services in general.

[ODDS Supplemental Information provided 7/22/22](#)- This includes questions that ODHS answered following the 6/3/22 hearing, including information about cost and usage related to the paid parent caregiver program.

[12/9/2022 Senate Human Services Committee Hearing](#)- If you navigate to this page, you can watch the hearing by clicking on the "play" button in the right hand column next to the date listing for 12/9/2022. This includes presentations from Senator Knopp and from me regarding the two bills that are now SB 646 and SB 91.

[12/2022 Fact Sheet regarding SB 91](#): This is a fact sheet I put together prior to the hearing while we were still waiting for the draft to be returned.

[Service level document for 4-11 year olds](#)—This is a document from ODHS describing the eligibility criteria for children with High or Very High Support needs. The description of eligibility for "Very High" on the basis of medical support needs is on page 4-6. The description of eligibility for "Very high" on the basis of behavioral needs is on page 7.

[Service level document for 12-17 year olds](#)—This is a document from ODHS describing the eligibility criteria for children with High or Very High Support needs. The description of eligibility for "Very High" on the basis of medical support needs is on page 4-6 . The description of eligibility for "Very high" on the basis of behavioral needs is on page 7.

I hope these materials are helpful to you. Please feel free to share this email and encourage people to let me know if they would like to be added to the interested parties list. Unfortunately, we had a technology crash so we lost some of the additions we made to the list in December. In addition, we have not been able to recover the recording from the stakeholder meeting. We will continue to work on that.

More information will be coming soon about hearing dates, how to sign up to testify in person or remotely and how to submit written testimony. I will also send information regarding how to access and utilize OTIS, logistics of the building while it is under construction and basic information about how to offer testimony. I'll also provide a list of other bills that may be of interest to this group.

Finally, at the stakeholder meeting I was overwhelmed by the number of families impacted by schools placing students on abbreviated school days or home instruction. If your family is impacted by this, please consider reaching out to me. We have legislation to address this and we need every story we can find to help explain what an pervasive and systemic issue this is for kids with disabilities.

Sincerely,
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