



KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Janie Miller, Secretary
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
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Dear Secretary Miller,

The Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities is charged with advocating for individuals with Developmental Disabilities so that they have a choice and control over their own lives. Therefore, the Council is very concerned about recent suggestions regarding the state's Medicaid program. In the past, Medicaid dollars were moved from the program and used to fund other, non-Medicaid programs. It is the Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities position that:

The Medicaid program provides health care for our most vulnerable citizens. During this period of high unemployment, the program is needed by increasing numbers of the elderly, poor, and Kentuckians with disabilities. The Public Policy committee of the Kentucky Council for Developmental Disabilities strenuously opposes any reduction of funding for Medicaid or diversion of Medicaid State or matching federal funding for other purposes.

We urge you to consider our position. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way in tackling this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

Lauri Knabel, Chair
Public Policy Committee

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