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Public Policy Update
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Jennifer Braun, Chair
NASHIA Public Policy Committee
Zoom Chat Box

• Introductions – Sign In
• Website for public policy materials
• Questions/comments
NASHIA’s Public Policy Work

• NASHIA Public Policy Committee
• National Coalitions
• Public Policy Governmental Consultant, Zaida Ricker
Communications: Members Only

Policy News for Members

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NASHIA’s Priorities

- NASHIA Public Policy Platform, 117th Congress
- NASHIA Public Policy Brochure, 117th Congress Second Session

Website: www.nashia.org
Today’s Objectives

• Provide an update on FY 2023 appropriations, other priority legislation, and recent Administration policies
• Provide an update on NASHIA’s Public Policy Committee
• How you can help advocate
• Answer questions
Today’s Presenters

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Executive Director

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Director of Public Policy
Legislative Update
Congressional Brain Injury Task Force

Reps. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and Don Bacon (R-NE) 
Co-Chairs
Appropriations “101”

- President’s Budget
- H/S budget resolution (“top-line” spending)
- H/S Subcommittees on Labor-HHS-Education-Related Agencies
  - Members’ letters (CBITF and Senator Van Hollen)
  - NASHIA testimony
- H/S Appropriations Committees
- Full H/S vote/Conference/Approval/President
FY 2023 Appropriations -- Update

• ACL TBI State Partnership Program
• ACL CDC National Concussion Surveillance System
• ACL NIDILRR Model Systems Funding
Other Legislation

- TBI/PTSD Law Enforcement Training (H.R. 2992/S.428)
- Protecting Survivors of Domestic Violence from Brain Injury (S. 3963/H.R. 7301)
- ABLE Age Adjustment Act (H.R.1219/S.331)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Reauthorization/VR (H.R. 7309)
Other Legislation

- Long-COVID
- Havana Syndrome
- Bringing Regulatory Advances Into Neuroscience (BRAIN) Act (H.R. 5435)
Recent Federal and State Policies for HCBS
Medicaid Update

• 2014 HCBS Settings Rule Deadline – March 17, 2025
  • States must receive final Statewide Transition Plan approval
  • Time-limited correction plan, if PHE related
  • CMS conducting on-site reviews of selected States

• Enhanced APR FMAP HCBS spending plans – March 31, 2025
ARP Increased FMAP HCBS Use

- Increase provider rates
- Expand eligibility
- Strengthen the direct care workforce (pay and benefits)
- Expand covered services
- Proving housing-related supports/services (home modifications, case management)

Role of Stakeholders

- TBI/ABI Advisory Boards/Councils
  - Educating providers/families Re: Settings Rule
  - Educating stakeholders ARP HCBS Enhanced FMAP opportunities
  - Engaging Medicaid agency Re: brain injury
- Coalesce with other disability/aging organizations
- Medicaid public hearings; submitting input
- Educating policymakers about Medicaid LTSS needs
What can you do to further public policy?

Get Involved
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• Network with other state disability/healthcare advisory councils/organizations/coalitions
  • Sign on letters; engage grassroots advocacy

• Advocating as a state employee

• Use of NASHIA’s materials
NASHIA Public Policy Committee

- Nominations for the William A.B. Ditto Excellence in Public Policy Award
- Developing Public Policy Briefs
- Public Priorities for the 118th Congress
  - Recommendations to NASHIA Members for approval
Wrap Up

Q/A?

Thank you!
Membership

• NASHIA is a membership organization.
• Options for Individuals and Organizations.
• Networking, Peer Support, Reduced-Fee Trainings
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