

## #118 NOW/COMP Disability Waiver Rates Update

Dearest Advocates:

As many of you are aware, the Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) have been reviewing the need to change the rates for NOW/COMP home and community based disability waivers in the State of Georgia. Studies have been completed, input has been given by providers and now due to families' advocacy efforts...DBHDD is now going to have public forums for families to discuss our concerns next month. Many thanks to all those that took the time last month to voice our concerns – especially those that are self directed and not given any opportunity to give input into the process! The good news is we have that opportunity now. The below email was issued today regarding what is happening in the coming month AND the comments so far that they have received from everyone. I have posted all three documents on my website at <http://www.heidijmoore.com/newsletter/index.asp>. Please also review previously posted Newsletters # 116, 115, 113 and 112 for further concerns with the system and proposed rate changes.

Now is our time to speak up and voice our concerns. Will keep you posted as I hear more information regarding the upcoming forums.

***United- We Will Make a Difference!***

Heidi J. Moore

(Proud Mother to Jacob – 11 yrs old with Down syndrome and Leukemia and Jared- 9 years old with amazing spirit & love for his brother)

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### **Public Comments re: Georgia Division of Developmental Disabilities' proposed HCBS provider rates**

Hello,

In response to the request below for comments regarding the proposed rates models for the Georgia Division of Developmental Disabilities' home and community based service providers, we received comments from representatives of 92 providers, 46 parents, and other associations, advocacy groups, and stakeholders. The comments have been summarized and organized into topical areas and responses have been prepared. Attached is the document listing the 134 distinct comments received as well as responses to each. The Division and Burns & Associates, Inc. (B&A) appreciates all those who took the time to submit comments.

In addition to the comments document, two other documents have been reattached: the February 25 version of the rate models and the presentation that accompanied these rates. These documents are identical to what was attached to the email below and do not reflect any changes that will be made in response to public comments. However, the Comments and Responses report references both of these other documents at various times so they have been reattached for your convenience.

The rate setting process to this point has primarily focused on the development of proposed rates based on the providers' costs and the service requirements. Now that rate models have been proposed, the Division wishes to receive feedback from consumers and families and will be conducting a family forum in each of the Division's six regions. These forums will occur in June. Information regarding the times and locations of the forums will be announced once plans have been finalized.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/prayforjacobmoore> or [www.teamjacob.org](http://www.teamjacob.org) . To watch Jacob's Cancer Journey video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g)

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***"Help The Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"***

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