



Public Policy Committee Report

September 24, 2020 / Conference Call

The Public Policy Committee met Thursday morning and approved two items as Legislative Priorities.

1) The first item was Preservation of the iBudget Waiver

This year the Public Policy Committee recommends at a minimum that the iBudget be maintained with the same funding as last year. The following are recommendations of what is needed to keep the iBudget functioning properly:

- The Council supports yearly increases in utilization that accurately reflect the additional needs of individuals on the iBudget waiver.**
- The yearly budget for the waiver should include a regular reduction of the iBudget Waitlist. The Council recommends that 10% of the number of individuals on the waitlist be transitioned off the list each year.**
- The Council supports increasing provider rates for all Agency for Persons with Disabilities services included under Personal Supports.**
- The Council recommends steering clear of for-profit managed care. This population has unique long-term care needs that are not compatible with managed care companies that work with acute health care needs. Not enough states have used managed care for this population so there is little data from which to assess outcomes and determine quality.**

2) The second item is continuing the Council's support of the work of the *I decide campaign* which promotes Supported Decision Making (SDM) as one of the alternatives to full guardianship when appropriate.

Viviana Bonilla Lopez who leads this effort spoke to the committee and shared the proposed bill and other materials.

The Committee approved continued work on the effort including the bill but wanted a more comprehensive written Council position on Supported Decision Making.