



SELF ADVOCATES OF WASHINGTON + MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Self Advocates of Washington (SAW) is an organization which empowers people who experience Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to “Speak Up and Speak Out” about what is important to them living with a disability.

SAW MEMBERS have made it loud and clear that any cuts to Medicaid Personal Care (MPC) services would be harmful to their well-being and security of living equally in the community, just like anybody else: independently and inclusively. The diminishment of Medicaid Personal Care services creates a situation of jeopardy for the individual receiving these hours.

MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE SERVICES provides assistance in performing basic life activities — such as eating, shopping, bathing, dressing, moving from place to place, and using the toilet —and folks receiving these services, because of their disabilities, cannot perform by themselves.

IF MORE REDUCTIONS in service hours arise; people fear that it will substantially increase the risk that they will be institutionalized in order to receive care adequate to maintain their mental and physical health. One fear that is even more disturbing, some people may experience death as a result of cutting off their lifeline— their services.

FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS, the balance of hardships tips sharply in their favor. This is a very real dilemma in planning for a secure future: One to live independently and as part of the greater community. With just a little extra help through MPC, the advantage goes a long way.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE EFFORT for no more cuts to MPC. We all want to continue on the path of a progressive Washington Society in which it is recognized that Medicaid Personal Care hours have a benefit all their own, not just to the people receiving the services, but to the greater community as well. It relays a message that we Washingtonians take care of those in need and that we recognize the importance of essential services.

PRESERVE MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE SERVICES. OUR WELL-BEING IS IN YOUR HANDS.