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community-based services that  
support people with disabilities in  
their pursuit of meaningful lives.*

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## Provider / Caregiver Rates Information

### Jobs and Economic:

- Residential providers alone (ARRM) employ more than 30,000 caregivers across the state.
- 75% of these rates go to caregiver wages (other costs in the 25% include extensive training, insurances, utilities, transportation, housing, etc.)

### So a rate cut means:

- Caregiver hours will be cut
- Some Caregivers will be laid off
- Some Caregiver wages will be reduced
- Some Caregivers will see reductions in or loss of benefits
- With fewer and lower paid staff there will be an erosion in the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens with disabilities
- Health and safety will be jeopardized

### **Also Note:**

- For every \$1.00 cut we lose \$2.00 in services and income because the feds match every dollar through Medical Assistance. And for the next two years the match is 61% from the federal government due to stimulus provisions.
- Over the past seven years providers and caregivers have lost income with low rates and an increasing cost of living. Caregiver wages have increased by only 6.38% since 2003 while inflation has gone up 18.52%.

- We realize that we will be part of the of the solution and will be cut. But rate cuts must be fair – cutting \$72 million in rates for people with disabilities out of the \$400 million total health and human services cuts is not fair.



