Legislative Memo — The Arc, Indiana

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Congress is headed back to work next week. Congressional leadership is currently negotiating on what will be in the fourth stimulus package. As Indiana's Congressional leaders prepare to head back to Washington, D.C. we need to make sure they **Do Not Forget about Hoosiers with Disabilities** when it comes to voting for issues being addressed within the next stimulus package.

Three major areas have yet to be addressed:

- **Grants to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to boost the pay of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs).** Indiana stands out as a leader in shutting down institutions. We need to remain a state without institutions, and grant monies would help prevent this.
- **Paid leave and sick days for family caregivers of adults with disabilities.** We need to approve and broaden this definition so that other family members, not just parents, are extended this resource to take care of loved ones.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for DSPs.** DSPs are on the frontlines and are the unsung heroes of this pandemic. They need to protect themselves and those they are providing essential services to on a daily basis.

H.R. 6305 is a bill that would help with the DSP rates along with other services and supports for people with disabilities. When speaking with your U.S. House Representative you can refer to this bill number.

S. 3544 is the Senate version of the House Resolution. This is a Coronavirus Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act.

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COVID-19 Response and Resources

The Arc of Indiana will continue to be a resource for you and your loved ones to use during this state of health emergency regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Our office is still operational even though our staff is working remotely for their safety. Click here for our resource page.

Mark Your Calendars

- **May 1 anticipated date for Indiana to open back up in phases.**

- **July 1st- Laws signed into law will be in effect**