
A Message from the Steering Committee:

Good Afternoon,

Following the news of our recent budget victory, we have received a number of questions regarding the \$20 million line item and when we expect this funding will be available to the State's Direct Support Professional workforce. With this in mind, we thought it important to share with you an update and some additional information about how the budgeting process works.



Appropriations in the Budget have corresponding language and in this instance, the language surrounding the \$20 million for Direct Support Professionals is very complicated. As per the language, the Legislature has until October 1, 2017 to determine how to proceed with the distribution of the increase. We are working hard to get the funding released as soon as possible but we believe this process will take several months.

We understand that this delay is inconvenient, but please know we are actively advocating for a speedy resolution. Thank you again for all of your support in FY17 and keep a look out for more information in the coming weeks.

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