MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COALITION

Dedicated to the rights and quality of life for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland

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The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Coalition is comprised of five statewide organizations dedicated to improving opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, so that they can live, learn, work, and play in the communities they choose with the support they need.

The FY 24 budget for the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) in the Maryland Department of Health includes critically important funding to address the need for community supports. Increases in the FY 24 budget generally fall into two categories: expansion of services access, and rate increases for community providers.

The increases to the DDA budget for FY24 include:

Funding for **Transitioning Youth** who will complete their secondary education at the age of 21 or 22 and transition into adult supports - $6.3m GF / $11.4 TF.

Funding for people on the **DDA Waiting List** who are in a crisis category and in urgent need of supports - $5.1m GF / $10.1m TF *and* $0.7m SF / $1.5m TF.

Funding for people experiencing **emergencies** and need supports immediately - $0.5m GF / $0.9m TF.

Funding for **rate increases** for DD community providers of supports and services, as part of the statute increasing/accelerating the minimum wage to $15 per hour (4% for FY 24, and 8% for the acceleration of the minimum wage in FY24) - $117m TF.

Funding to further DDA's implementation of **updated rate-setting** for community supports - $20m TF.

The DD Coalition supports inclusion of this funding in the FY 24 budget, to better meet the needs of Maryland citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

DDA Budget Hearings:

Feb. 22 - House Appropriations, Health and Social Services Sub-Committee, Room 150 House Office Building

Feb. 23 – Senate Budget and Taxation, Health and Human Services Sub-Committee, William Amoss Room, 4th floor, Miller Senate Building

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GF = general funds
SF = special funds
TF = total funds with federal Medcaid matching funds