

He-M 522 -Proposed Regulation Changes Relative to Eligibility and Service Planning for individuals with Acquired Brain Injury - FINAL OBJECTION PASSED!

Today, the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) voted unanimously on a final objection to the proposed rule change made by the Bureau of Developmental Services based on it being contrary to law and the legislative intent of SB 138. The first motion of the final objection vote was called by Senator Jacalyn Cilley and the other five members of the committee all agreed to second the motion!

The JLCAR Committee agreed that it was the intent of the legislature when SB 138 was passed that eligible clients of the DD/Area Agency System are entitled to necessary funding and services promptly. The law states that new adult clients are entitled to allocation of funds within 90 days of being determined in need and existing adult clients are entitled to new services due to significant life changes within 90 days. Thanks to the committee for validating that individuals with brain injuries should not wait for services!

JLCAR Members that voted for the final objection today include: Rep. Maurice Pilotte, (603) 623-8173, e-mail: maurice.pilotte@leg.state.nh.us Rep. Peter Schmidt (603) 743-3751, reppbs@tllc.net Rep. Suzanne Gottling, (603) 763-5904, sgottling@comcast.net Rep. Alida Millham, (603) 524-1278, Amillham@metrocast.net Rep. Laurie Boyce, (603) 875-7371, laurieboyce@yahoo.com Senator Jacalyn Cilley, (603) 664-5597, jacalyn.cilley@leg.state.nh.us

Please find time to contact the JLCAR Members and thank them for their vote! It is important that all of us let legislators know that we are appreciative of the vote made today affirming that individuals with brain injuries eligible for services through the Acquired Brain Disorder Waiver should not wait for services!