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March 21, 2014

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair House Committee on Human Services Twenty-Seventh Legislature State Capitol State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Belatti and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: HCR 140 – REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REBASE THE BASIC PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM RATES FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES THAT SERVE MEDICAID RECIPIENTS TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO INCLUDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO COVER ANY INCREASE IN BASIC PAYMENT SYSTEM RATES RESULTING FROM REBASING IN ITS 2015-2017 BIENNIUM BUDGET

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HCR 140.** The concurrent resolution requests that the Director of Human Services take steps, in collaboration with providers, to rebase the basic prospective payment system rates for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities that serve Medicaid recipients to be effective July 1, 2015, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and using cost reports from providers from the base year ending June 30, 2013.

It is our understanding that the current basic prospective payment system rates for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities were set in Fiscal Year 2008 rebasing that became effective July 1, 2007 and were based on cost reports from providers for the base Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005. Due to the 2012 suspension of the mandated annual inflation adjustments to the basic prospective payment system rates, providers have not had an increase in payments to keep up with inflation.

A rebasing effective July 1, 2015 for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016 and using cost reports from providers from the base year ending June 30, 2013 would address the dilemma for providers to meet the financial challenges of rising costs while continuing to provide critical services for persons with intellectual disabilities. Providers are an essential component in assisting the State in establishing a comprehensive service

The Honorable Della Au Belatti Page 2 March 21, 2014

system that is responsive in enhancing the quality of life for persons with intellectual disabilities.

The Council appreciates the intent of HCR 140 and the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HCR 140**.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.

Executive Administrator

J. Curtis Tyler, III

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PATRICIA MCMANAMAN DIRECTOR

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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March 21, 2014

TO: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair

House Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: H.C.R. 140 – REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES TO

REBASE THE BASIC PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM RATES FOR

INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES THAT SERVE MEDICAID

RECIPIENTS TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO INCLUDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO COVER ANY INCREASE IN BASIC PAYMENT SYSTEM RATES RESULTING FROM

REBASING IN ITS 2015-2017 BIENNIUM BUDGET

Hearing: Friday, March 21, 2014; 8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to request the Department of Human Services (DHS) to rebase the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF IID) that serve Medicaid recipients effective July 1, 2015 and the Department of Health to include sufficient funding to cover any increase in their 2015-2017 biennium budget.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides the following comments on this resolution. The Department's Administrative Rules allow for a rebasing of the PPS rates every eight years. The last rebasing of PPS rates was effective on July 1, 2008 which would mean that the next rebasing would be effective July 1, 2016. However, the AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGENCY

DHS has gotten clarification from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that we can do rebasing of only the ICF IID facilities without rebasing for all the long-term care facilities.

The Hawaii Administrative Rules also say that in those years between rebasing the facilities would get an annual inflation rate increase. The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to suspend the inflation rate increases, effective July 1, 2011 due to the budget shortfall. The suspension of the inflation increase is currently still in effect.

The rebasing of the PPS rate could be done sooner for the ICF IID facilities but we defer to the Department of Health on the availability of the funding necessary for the rebasing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.







In reply, please refer to:

House Committees on Health

HCR 140, Requesting the Director of Human Services to Rebase the Basic Prospective Payment System Rates for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities that Serve Medicaid Recipients to be Effective July 1, 2015, and the Director of Health to Include Sufficient Funding to Cover any Increase in Basic Payment System Rates Resulting from Rebasing in its 2015-2017 Biennium Budget.

Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H. Director of Health March 21, 2014

- 1 **Department's Position:** Support/Support Intent
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) defers to
- the Department of Human Services Medicaid in regards to the fiscal impact of rebasing prospective
- 4 payment system rates for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities
- 5 (ICFs/ID). DDD estimates there are about 88 individuals in ICFs/ID at this time.
- **6 Purpose and Justification:**
- 7 The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Director of the Department of Human
- 8 Services to take steps, in collaboration with providers, to rebase the basic prospective payment system
- 9 rates for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities that serve Medicaid
- recipients to be effective July 1, 2015, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and using cost reports
- from providers from the base year ending June 30, 2013.
- 12 It has been over eight (8) years since there has been a rebasing of the prospective payment system rates
- for the ICFs/ID. During this period of time, costs have increased in workers compensation insurance,

- unemployment insurance, health care insurance for employees, utilites and food/ supplies for client
- 2 care. It is critical to rebase the prospective payment system rates to allow the non-profit agencies
- 3 operating ICFs/ID to survive as business entities and maintain residential capacity for individuals who
- 4 require 24/7 services and supports.
- 5 Upon determination of rates by the State Medicaid Agency, the Department will submit a request for the
- 6 Mediciad state match to the 2015 Hawaii State Legislature.
- 7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.



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Dear House Committee on Health,

SUBJECT: S.C.R. No. 79 and H.C.R. No. 140

Request the Director of Human Services to **Rebase the Basic Prospective Payment System Rates for Intermediate Care Facilities** for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities that Serve Medicaid Recipients to be Effective July 1, 2015, and the Director of Health to included sufficient funding to cover any increase in Basic Payment System Rates Resulting from Rebasing in its 2015-2017 Biennium Budget.

ARC of Maui County strongly supports S.C.R. NO. 79 and H.C.R. No. 140

For 20 years ARC of Maui County has provided Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) services to individuals with *the most severe developmental disabilities in Maui County*. Our three community based group homes have five beds per home for a total of 15 clients with ICF level of care.

Throughout the years our *ICF beds have always been filled*. No vacancy has occurred. When clients graduate to less or higher level of care our waitlist is accessed to return to full occupancy. Our homes were HUD built and continue to receive a federal HUD rental subsidy.

In FY 2008 ARC of Maui received a daily rate increase based on Cost Reports from 2005. *For the past three years we have received NO Inflation Update.* The year before that the inflation increase was less than 1% at 0.8%

ARC of Maui County is the only outer island Provider of ICF/DD services. Our rate is substantially lower than Oahu providers (\$77,307/yr for 15 clients); yet cost of living is higher on Maui. We request that DHS set Maui's rate the same among all ICF/DD Providers.

<u>Costs have increased since 2005</u>. Quality services to meet federal standards require adequate funding. <u>The people we serve need and live by these services; their care exceeds foster and/or domiciliary care.</u> There is nowhere else for them to go.

We ask for your continued support in favor of SCR 79 and HCR 140

Sincerely,

Audrey McGauley CEO

Andrey M'Ganley

Over 50 years of service to families/ persons with Developmental Disabilities



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Committee on Health
Testimony in of Support of HCR 140

Friday, March 21, 2014, 8:30 AM. Conference Room 329

Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center testifies in support of this Concurrent Resolution. If the promise of community integration of individuals with disabilities is to be realized, one obvious essential component is a robust provider network. That requires the commitment to provide adequate reimbursement for the difficult work which is undertaken. We support such efforts and understand that the purpose of this measure is to trigger an increase in the rate of payments to the ICFMRs. Those facilities frequently serve clients with higher needs. As a result, it is important that they be properly compensated so that they can continue to provide these necessary services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.





The Arc in Hawaii 3989 Diamond Head Road Honolulu HI 96816 808 737-7995

March 20, 2014

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair House Committee on Health Twenty-Seventh Legislature State Capitol State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: HCR 140 Requesting the Director of Human Services to rebase the Basic Prospective Payment System Rates for Intermediate Care Facilities For Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities that serve Medicaid recipients to be effective July 1, 2015, and the Director of Health to include sufficient funding to cover any increase in Basic Payment System Rates resulting from rebasing in its 2015-2017 Biennium Budget.

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Dear Representative Belatti and Members of the Committee:

The Arc in Hawaii (The Arc) strongly supports HCR 140.

The Arc in Hawaii operates seven Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs). Our 32 residents require an extra level of care due to their disabilities. Many were formerly served at Waimano Training School and Hospital. The Arc stepped up and built the seven home-style, neighborhood-based residences to provide less restrictive options for Waimano residents and for future individuals who need ICF/IID levels of care. The Arc and others made it possible to close the large institution in keeping with principles of least restrictive settings for all people with disabilities.

To provide these services, The Arc depends upon Medicaid payments, shared by the state and federal government, through the Long Term Care Prospective Payment System (PPS) under Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 17, Subtitle 12, Chapter 1739.2 (the DHS Rules).

The DHS Rules require that the PPS base rate be set by reference to provider-submitted cost reports for a "base year," and to be increased annually by a specified inflation factor.

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The DHS Rules further provide that "... a provider shall not have its basic PPS rates calculated by reference to the same base year for more than eight state fiscal years."

The last DHS rebasing used provider cost reports for the base year FY 2005, and became effective on July 1, 2007. DHS has indicated it will next rebase using FY 2014 cost reports to be effective July 1, 2016. This would mean that PPS rates would be based upon FY 2005 base year cost reports for nine, not eight, years as required by DHS Rules.

Rebasing only every eight years is, in itself, a ridiculous concept. It is conscionable only if the base rate is increased by an annual inflation adjustment to keep pace with rising costs. The DHS Rules provide for annual inflation adjustments, but DHS has suspended the inflation adjustment for this and the past two fiscal years, and there is no sign the adjustment will be made for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year either. Thus, The Arc and other providers are hit with a double whammy – reliance on out of date reference data and denial of mandated inflation increases. The result has been losses in excess of \$1.4 million for The Arc's ICF/IID program over the last three fiscal years and there will be additional losses by the end of this year and next year also without inflation adjustments. And these losses are being incurred notwithstanding below-standard rates of pay for our loyal and compassionate ICF/IID staff.

This cannot go on any longer. It is time for DHS to step up to its end of the bargain that led to the establishment of these ICF/IID homes to facilitate the transition of Waimano residents to the community.

The Arc is not requesting a bailout, subsidy, grant-in-aid or anything of that nature, but only what the law already requires. We urge DHS to do what is right.

Thank you for hearing this Concurrent Resolution and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Thomas P. Huber President The Arc in Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
D. Aiu	Individual	Support	No

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Duane P Bartholomew	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 140. I strongly support HCR 140, which requests that the Director of Human Services follow its own rules and rebase the basic prospective payment system rates for ICF/IDD services effective July 1, 2015. The Arc in Hawaii provides ICF/IDD services to persons in seven community-based residences. Hawaii Administrative Rules require that payments for these services be rebased within a prescribed timeframe, which DHS has not done and indicates they do not intend to do. Delaying the rebasing for a year imposes a significant financial burden on the organization and impedes optimal services and supports to participants in the ICF/IDD program. It is also unfair to non profits that have struggled to provide quality to services to Hawaii citizens with disabilities. I urge passage of SCR79.

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Becky Tyksinski	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I support HCR 140, requesting the Director of Human Services to rebase the basic prospective payment system rates for ICF/IDD services effective July 1, 2015. The Arc in Hawaii provides ICF/IDD services to participants in seven of our community-based residences. Hawaii Administrative Rules require and common sense dictates that these rates be rebased within the originally prescribed time frame. Delaying the rebasing for a year imposes a significant financial burden on our organization and impedes our ability to provide optimal services and supports to participants in our ICF/IDD program. I urge passage of HCR 140.

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Lori Sakaguchi	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Goldberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please allow me, a malihini but frequent visitor to these wonderful islands to urge you to support HCR140 Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I support HCR 140, requesting the Director of Human Services to rebase the basic prospective payment system rates for ICF/IDD services effective July 1, 2015. I urge you to support The Arc in Hawaii because it provides ICF/IDD services to participants in seven of your community-based residences. Hawaii Administrative Rules require and common sense dictates that these rates be rebased within the originally prescribed timeframe. Delaying the rebasing for a year imposes a significant financial burden on that organization and impedes their ability to provide optimal services and supports to participants in our ICF/IDD program. I urge passage of HCR 140. Thank you for doing the right thing!

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF HCR 140

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I support HCR 140, requesting the Director of Human Services to rebase the basic prospective payment system rates for ICF/IDD services effective July 1, 2015.

The Arc in Hawaii provides ICF/IDD services to participants in seven of our community-based residences. Hawaii Administrative Rules require, and common sense dictates, that these rates be rebased within the originally prescribed timeframe.

Delaying the rebasing for a year imposes a significant financial burden on the organization and impedes their ability to provide optimal services and support to participants in the ICF/IDD program.

I urge passage of HCR 140.

Mahalo Marnie N. Weeks Honolulu