

# You Are Invited!

## UNDERSTANDING THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF MEDICAID PER CAPITA CAPS ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Mon, June 19, 2017  
10:00–11:00 am

Room G50 in Dirksen Senate  
Office Building

Breakfast will be provided



The American Health Care Act, adopted by the House of Representatives, fundamentally alters the Medicaid program by limiting federal financing through a per capita cap. The Senate health care reform bill will likely do the same. Join us to discuss the future of Medicaid and the impact of a Medicaid per capita cap on people with disabilities.

### PANEL DISCUSSION

**Andraéa N. LaVant**, *Teen Program Specialist, Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital*

Ms. LaVant was born with muscular dystrophy and will discuss how Medicaid-financed home and community based services allowed her to attend college and build a successful career in the non-profit sector.

**Marty Ford**, *Senior Executive Officer, Public Policy Office, The Arc of the United States*

Ms. Ford will discuss Medicaid's role in giving people with disabilities the freedom to live outside of institutions and the policy decisions states would face if per capita caps were implemented.

**Prof. Steve Kaye**, *University of California, San Francisco, Institute for Health & Aging*

Prof. Kaye will provide an overview of how states that have expanded Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs have succeeded in reducing the cost growth. He will also share new research highlighting the impact that Medicaid per capita caps would have on state Medicaid HCBS programs.

**Curtis Wolff**, *Co-Chair, Colorado Participant Directed Program Policy Collaborative*

Mr. Wolff acquired quadriplegia due to contracting the West Nile virus from a mosquito bite in 2012. He received Medicaid-financed self-directed HCBS, eventually becoming a peer trainer to teach others how to self-direct their own services. He will discuss the role of Medicaid in empowering independence and self-sufficiency for people with disabilities.

**Nancy Thaler**, *Deputy Secretary for Developmental Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services*

Ms. Thaler will highlight the importance of the federal commitment to Medicaid to enable states to support people with disabilities, end or reduce waiting lists for community services, and shift individuals from institutional settings into the community.

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