

LEND Me Your Ear!

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(You know, the LEND trainees!)

Disability Policy Conference-Our Role

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- We will be attending the Disability Policy Seminar in DC to learn more about policy, legislation, and our involvement in the process.
- Meetings are arranged with NH Legislators: Ayotte, Bass, Guinta, and Shaheen
- We will present our research and give a policy brief regarding our proposal

Historic attempts at National Health Care

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- 1) Prior to WWI
- 2) The “New Deal”
- 3) 1943-44: FDR Administration
- 4) Eisenhower Administration
- 5) War on Poverty: Johnson Administration
- 6) Health Security Act 1993
- 7) The Affordable Care Act 2010

Why These Proposals Failed?

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- **Fear of socialized medicine**
- **American Medical Association concerns about financial impact**

Questions to address in the Policy Brief

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- **Who are CSHCN?**
- **What is Block Granting?**
- **How will Block Granting affect CSHCN?**
- **Why we are opposed to Block Granting?**

Who are children with Special Healthcare needs?

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“...those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.”

What is Block Granting?

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- The Federal Government has proposed Block Granting as a money-saving alternative to the current Medicaid system.
- This would place a cap on the services that individuals receive and impact the quality and quantity of services individuals receive.
- States are no longer obligated to contribute through matching.

Our Concern!

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- Block granting will affect:
 - **Quality**
 - **Efficiency**
 - **Eligibility**
- Children with disabilities are “high-end” users of Medicaid and are the most vulnerable population to be effected by these cuts.

What does Block Granting mean for Children with Special Healthcare Needs?

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- States would receive less financial support from the Federal Government
- Block Granting will impact children's access to Early Intervention Services
- Reduce the quantity and quality of services agencies would be able to afford
- This would likely mean longer wait lists, less services, limiting providers, less quality services, less family supports...

Our Message to the Legislators

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- Medicaid is not the issue-our health care system in general is!
- Block Granting is a short-term fix that will only cost money in the long-run
- We need to preserve the current system while working to improve the efficiency of Medicaid, as well as the health care system in general, for services provided
- Shifting the focus to preventative services

A Role Play

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- This is a role play of the meeting we will be having in DC...enjoy!!