

Board for People with Developmental Disabilities: Statement on Gov. Walker signing extraordinary session bills

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(Madison)- The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities is disappointed that Governor Walker today signed into law a bill from last week's Legislative Extraordinary Session that requires the Legislature to approve all changes and updates to Medicaid waivers, including waiver programs people with disabilities and their families rely in such as Family Care, IRIS, Children's Long Term Supports, MAPP, Katie Beckett.

This bill needlessly makes routine updates to Medicaid waiver programs more complex and time-consuming and adds a layer of bureaucratic requirements that takes Department of Health Services time away from time that could be used making improvements to programs for people with disabilities.

People with disabilities and their families from all parts of the state requested that the Governor veto this legislation because of potential future negative impacts, including delays that could jeopardize federal waiver funding.