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Important Points about the 2% Cut to Developmental Services Waivers

- The proposed \$4.3 million cut to developmental services will require a 2% reduction in services after years of underfunding and rescissions that totaled \$14 million in cuts to services since 2009.
- Since some people served cannot manage without 24/7 support, others will experience service reductions in excess of 2%.
- Designated and Specialized Service Agencies (DA/SSA's) rates of reimbursement are insufficient to cover costs. There is no direct correlation between payment rates and actual cost of services
- DA/SSA's are currently deep into a payment reform process with DAIL that will likely lead to a reduction in services, this cut would put Vermont's most vulnerable citizens in double jeopardy
- People with Intellectual/Developmental disabilities typically require long-term services and supports. DA/SSA's provide a full range of services including residential, community and employment supports, crisis beds, respite, service coordination, etc.
- \$4.3 million overrides the workforce increase agencies received this year through Acts 82 and 85 to bring staff salaries up to \$14 per hour, after these salary increases have already been given
- The workforce investment funds were awarded in recognition of high staff turnover and vacancy rates at DA/SSA's which have been blocking access and impacting quality of care