



HCBS ACCESS ACT

2021





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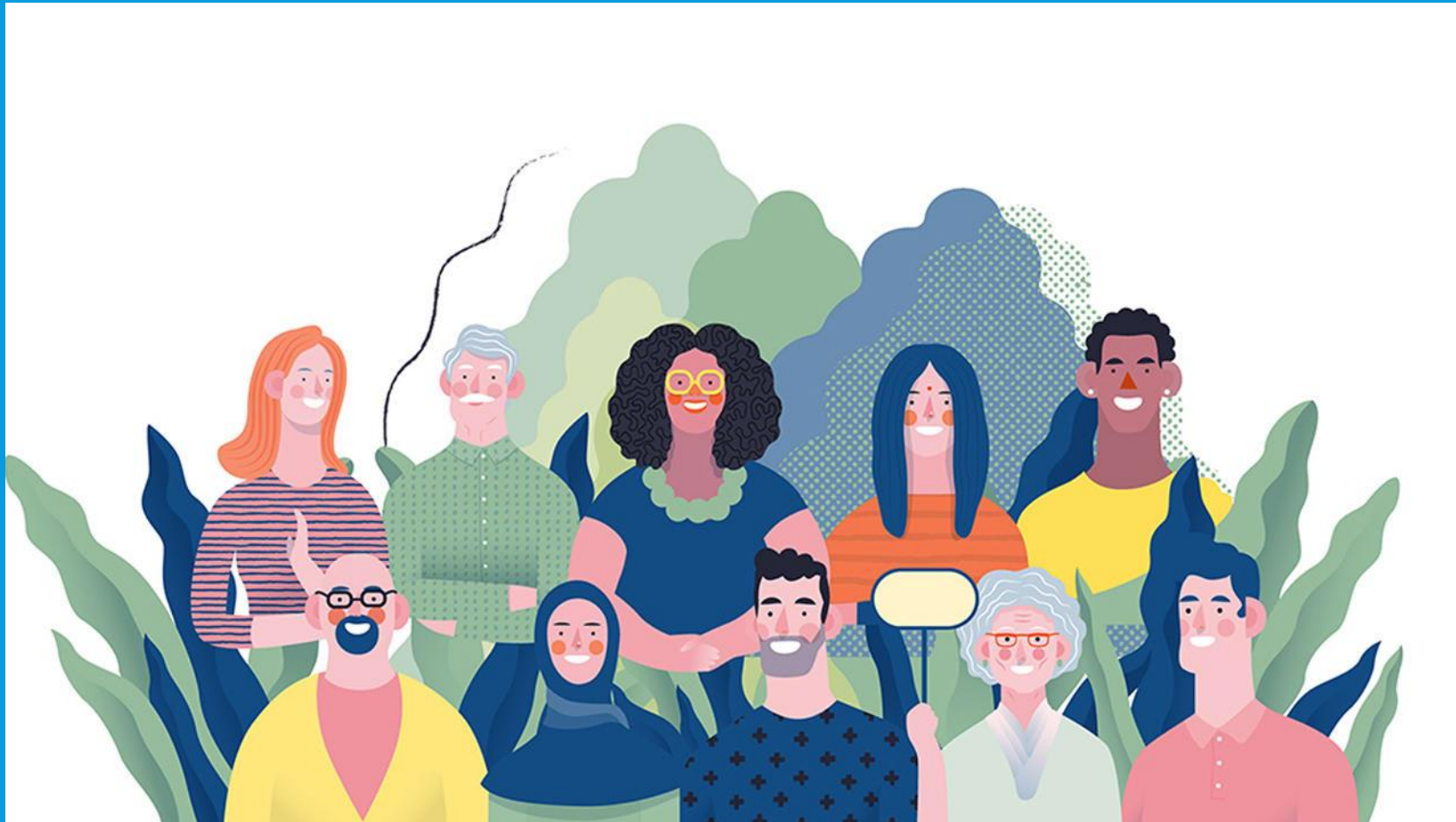
A DRAFT BILL WAS UNVEILED IN APRIL KNOWN AS THE HCBS ACCESS ACT



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- IT WILL REQUIRE MEDICAID TO PROVIDE HOME-AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES TO EVERYONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE .
- ESTABLISH A MINIMUM NUMBER OF SERVICES THAT STATES MUST OFFER.
- ELIMINATE WAITING LISTS.

UNDER THE HCBS ACCESS ACT HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES



100 %
Federally
Funded

A SUCCESSFUL HCBS PROGRAM MUST



- Pay people with disabilities minimum wage or pay depending on peers within the same position.
- Inform members of the options for individualized support .
- Allow individual to set their own support schedule.

THE BILL IS DESIGNED TO HELP STATES CREATE A NETWORK OF PROVIDERS AND WORKERS TO DELIVER SUPPORTS

- Build support networks to include financial brokers, community liaisons, direct support, caseworkers, and providers for nonmedical transportation.
- Broaden eligibility requirements.
- A committee panel that includes people with disabilities.
- Establish network quality.
- Money Follows the Person (MFP) program.
- Eliminate the wait list to create access to all services in all areas.



BRIDGING THE GAP

Traditional



The Future

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Representative Jessica Fay of Maine District 66 is Sponsoring LD 1573

Services will improve by increasing the wages of the direct support staff.



State of Maine Legislature

Summary of LD 1573

Bill Info

LD 1573 (HP 1170)

"An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues"
(Emergency)

Sponsored by **Representative Jessica Fay**

Status Summary

Reference Committee **Health and Human Services**

Last House Action **6/15/2021** - This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House was necessary.
PASSED TO BE ENACTED.
Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

Last Senate Action **6/15/2021** - On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland **PLACED ON THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** - Emergency - 2/3 Elected Required, in concurrence.

Last Engrossed by House on **6/14/2021**

Last Engrossed by Senate on **6/14/2021**

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS

Washington, March 16, 2021

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), and Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) today released a discussion draft of the HCBS Access Act for stakeholder feedback. The proposal seeks to mandate HCBS in Medicaid to provide critical services, creating national, minimum requirements for home and community-based services, and make it possible to enhance those services and the long-term care workforce. See [here](#) for discussion draft text and [here](#) for a memo seeking stakeholder input.

<https://debbiedingell.house.gov/news/document/single.aspx?DocumentID=2932>



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SPEAK UP AND REACH OUT

- Self Advocates! What can you do?
 - Set a meeting
 - Talk to someone at the State House
 - Write a letter



Let's Bring This To A Federal Level

REACH OUT

Ask to speak with or send an email to

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