



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

Charlie Crist,
Governor

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Jim DeBeaugrine,
Director

A Message from APD Director Jim DeBeaugrine

Dear APD customers, their families and supporters:

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Way,
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Tallahassee,
Florida
32399-0950

Enclosed, you will find a notice regarding your rebased cost plan. With one of my own family members having a developmental disability, I know how difficult it can be to receive a notice from this agency that may result in reduction of benefits. This is especially true when you've already received a notice of agency action on rebasing several months ago.

(850) 488-4257
Fax:
(850) 922-6456
Toll Free:

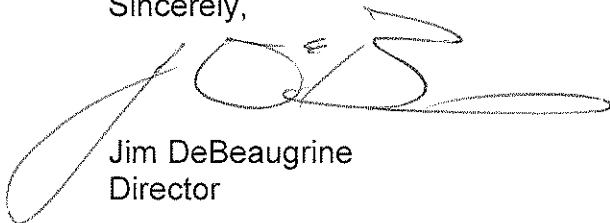
We do not do this by choice, but rather because of a decision by a judge with the Division of Administrative Hearings on a legal technicality. The ruling, in essence, will not allow the due process hearing you requested to be conducted. We do not agree with the ruling, but the appeal process would be difficult and expensive, diverting precious resources better spent on services. We are committed to protecting your due process rights and feel that justice is best served by withdrawing the previous notice and issuing a new one.

(866) APD-CARES
(866-273-2273)

Please understand that you are not being rebased twice. No action has been taken on the previous notice you received, which is being withdrawn. Since no action is being taken, no hearing will be held on your previous hearing request. It is important for you to carefully read the enclosed notice since you will need to file a new request if you wish to be granted a hearing. You may contact your waiver support coordinator or your local APD office if you have questions.

We apologize for any difficulty this may cause you.

Sincerely,



Jim DeBeaugrine
Director