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Dear Governor Bush and Legislators,

The Family Care Council Florida (FCCF) **OPPOSES** the ARC Florida proposed proviso language to pilot two Medicaid Reform (managed care) demonstration projects. The proposal will involve shifting funds from Intermediate Care Facilities/DD (IDF/DD), Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), and Family and Supported Living (FSL) funding and setting up at least two managed care proposals with ARC Florida serving as the Provider Service Network.

We were alerted two days ago about this language and have had no previous knowledge anything was being considered. This proposal was developed in a vacuum and submitted to Governor's Office staff and legislative staff nine days prior to the end of session. The proposal is based on the premise that the current system provides financial incentives for increased units of service. It would involve a per person, per month capitated payment for each individual served.

Individuals with developmental disabilities are just that, individuals. Each person has their own unique circumstances. We know from the work being done on the Medicaid Reform that a great deal of planning and work is required just to make the medical services portion of the Reform effective for individuals with developmental disabilities.

It is exciting to see so many individuals with developmental disabilities and their families benefiting from your support over the last five years. Florida can be proud of their commitment to self-determination, inclusion, quality, and choice. Do not move forward without bringing the developmental disability community together for support. Do not move forward in a vacuum of forced containment and mistakes.

We want very much to be a part of how managed care principles can be applied to the developmental disabilities service system in Florida and offer our participation.

Ann Millan

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Family Care Councils

Florida Statute: 393.502:

(7) PURPOSE.--The purpose of the local family care councils shall be to advise the agency, to develop a plan for the delivery of family support services within the local area, and to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of services and support provided under the plan. The primary functions of the local family care councils shall be to:

- (a) Assist in providing information and outreach to families.
- (b) Review the effectiveness of service programs and make recommendations with respect to program implementation.
- (c) Advise the agency with respect to policy issues relevant to the community and family support system in the local area.
- (d) Meet and share information with other local family care councils.

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