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Public Policy Update  
June 21, 2022

Jennifer Braun, Chair  
NASHIA Public Policy Committee



# Zoom Chat Box

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- Introductions – Sign In
- Website for public policy materials
- Questions/comments

# NASHIA's Public Policy Work

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- NASHIA Public Policy Committee
- National Coalitions
- Public Policy Governmental Consultant,  
Zaida Ricker



# Communications: Members Only

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## Policy News for Members

Washington Weekly, Capitol News,  
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# NASHIA's Priorities

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- NASHIA Public Policy Platform, 117<sup>th</sup> Congress
- NASHIA Public Policy Brochure, 117<sup>th</sup> Congress  
Second Session

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# Today's Objectives

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- Provide an update on FY 2023 appropriations, other priority legislation, and recent Administration policies
- Provide an update on NASHIA's Public Policy Committee
- How you can help advocate
- Answer questions

# Today's Presenters

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Rebecca Wolfkiel  
Executive Director



Susan Vaughn  
Director of Public Policy

# Legislative Update

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# Congressional Brain Injury Task Force

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Reps. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and Don Bacon (R-NE)  
Co-Chairs

# Appropriations “101”

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- President’s Budget
- H/S budget resolution (“top-line” spending)
- H/S Subcommittees on Labor-HHS-Education-Related Agencies
  - Members’ letters (CBITF and Senator Van Hollen)
  - NASHIA testimony
- H/S Appropriations Committees
- Full H/S vote/Conference/Approval/President

# FY 2023 Appropriations -- Update

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- ACL TBI State Partnership Program
- ACL CDC National Concussion Surveillance System
- ACL NIDILRR Model Systems Funding

# Other Legislation

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- TBI/PTSD Law Enforcement Training (H.R. 2992/S.428)
- Protecting Survivors of Domestic Violence from Brain Injury (S. 3963/H.R. 7301)
- ABLE Age Adjustment Act (H.R.1219/S.331)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Reauthorization/VR (H.R. 7309)

# Other Legislation

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- Long-COVID
- Havana Syndrome
- Bringing Regulatory Advances Into Neuroscience (BRAIN) Act (H.R. 5435)

# Recent Federal and State Policies for HCBS



# Medicaid Update

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- 2014 HCBS Settings Rule Deadline – March 17, 2025
  - States must receive final Statewide Transition Plan approval
  - Time-limited correction plan, if PHE related
  - CMS conducting on-site reviews of selected States
- Enhanced APR FMAP HCBS spending plans – March 31, 2025



# ARP Increased FMAP HCBS Use

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- Increase provider rates
- Expand eligibility
- Strengthen the direct care workforce (pay and benefits)
- Expand covered services
- Proving housing-related supports/services (home modifications, case management)

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/home-community-based-services/guidance/strengthening-and-investing-home-and-community-based-services-for-medicaid-beneficiaries-american-rescue-plan-act-of-2021-section-9817/index.html>



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# Role of Stakeholders

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- TBI/ABI Advisory Boards/Councils
  - Educating providers/families Re: Settings Rule
  - Educating stakeholders ARP HCBS Enhanced FMAP opportunities
  - Engaging Medicaid agency Re: brain injury
- Coalesce with other disability/aging organizations
- Medicaid public hearings; submitting input
- Educating policymakers about Medicaid LTSS needs



# What can you do to further public policy?

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Get Involved



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- Network with other state disability/healthcare advisory councils/organizations/coalitions
  - Sign on letters; engage grassroots advocacy
- Advocating as a state employee
- Use of NASHIA's materials

# NASHIA Public Policy Committee

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- Nominations for the William A.B. Ditto Excellence in Public Policy Award
- Developing Public Policy Briefs
- Public Priorities for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress
  - Recommendations to NASHIA Members for approval

# Wrap Up

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Q/A ?

Thank you!

# Membership

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- **NASHIA is a membership organization.**
- **Options for Individuals and Organizations.**
- **Networking, Peer Support, Reduced-Fee Trainings**

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