1. HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE RULE PUBLIC COMMENTS

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I would like to speak with you at some point soon about the changes in not including elders as a priority in the home and community care as this group was expressly advocated for and seen to need the increase in access to 250% of the FPL for the copay options for elders' home and community care.

The change in wording is a specific interest to me as this seems to be a DOH driven opportunity to change the focus from senior specific services and generalize the need across all age cohorts (19-64). Senior advocates have for many years expressly focused on this being an unmet need for those elders we serve and increasing the scope may limit and/or take away this benefit from the many seniors in our state. Many of whom are on the cusp of going into nursing home placements prematurely due to lack of resources to remain in the community.