



Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **UPDATE ON FAMILY CARE PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES DEFINITION**

Thanks to all of you that took the time to submit input related to the proposed definition of prevocational services in Family Care. The Arc-Wisconsin forwarded numerous e-mails to the Department of Health Services (DHS). On November 20th, DHS announced an amended version of the definition of prevocational services in Family Care. That definition must be approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We will keep you posted on that. As always, the place to go for updated information on major disability issues that impact people in Wisconsin is The Arc-Wisconsin website. The website includes a page dedicated to the prevocational services definition issue. For more information on the issue, including a link to the final proposed definition, go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/family+care+prevocational+services+definition/default.asp>

- **FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE**

It was another busy weekend for health care reform at the federal level. The U.S. Senate approved a motion to debate the issue. The debate is scheduled to begin around November 30. Again, the place to go for updated information is The Arc-Wisconsin website at:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/whats+new/default.asp>

For a link to an interactive page that highlights the major provisions of both the House and Senate bills, go to:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/nation/health/compare-health-plans-2009/?sid=ST2009112300819>

GRASSROOTS ACTION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT CLASS ACT PROVISIONS ARE INCLUDED IN HEALTH CARE REFORM! Go to the detailed alert from The Arc of the United States at:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/arcusalert112309.pdf>

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The "Employment Opportunities" page of The Arc-Wisconsin website was recently updated to include positions with Disability Rights Wisconsin. For detailed information on these positions, go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/employment+opportunities/default.asp>

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!