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**HB 984**

**Developmental Disabilities  
Administration – Program  
Changes & Required Reports**

**County Position: SUPPORT**

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Committee: Health & Government Operations

Frederick County's Scott Key Center, Citizen Services Division urges **SUPPORT** for House Bill 984 – Developmental Disabilities Administration – Program Changes and Required Reports.

The bill's focus is on ensuring that providers of and individuals who receive services funded by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) are not negatively impacted when using the Long Term Services and Supports Software System or the Electronic Visit verification Function.

Scott Key Center, Citizen's Services Division of Frederick County supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Requires the DDA will ensure the transition to the Long Term Services and Supports software system does not limit a person's full use, in a timely manner, of services authorized through the person-centered plan;
- Requires the DDA to have a plan in place to ensure continuity of services and payment for services rendered in the event of system functionality issues, errors, or delays caused by the Administration or coordinators of community services;
- Requires the DDA provide an analysis of the impact of the implementation of new rates by individual provider and by service;
- Requires the DDA ensure that providers have sufficient working capital to transition successfully from a prospective payment system to a fee-for-service system; and
- Requires the funding needed to enable community providers to successfully transition to the Long Term Services and Support software system; and any new rate and billing systems.

Scott Key Center, Citizen's Services Division of Frederick County urges **SUPPORT** for House Bill 984.

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