Welcome!

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Governor signed all bills:
- One veto (Chief Information Office, use of federal funding)
- One line-item veto (Judicial Branch, public defender process)

2023 Legislature By the Numbers:
- 1,894 bills & resolutions introduced
- 169 bills sent to the Governor (9%)
- 94 bills tracked by infoNET (25 signed)

Special Session?
- July 10 (not yet announced, so could change)
- Second passage of abortion constitutional amendment
- Will be on the 2024 election ballot
- Not confined to only one issue, but they will try

Reorganization Part Two:
- Service “efficiency” review – contractor looking at all service areas/regions
- Reduction in boards, commissions also likely
- Ongoing HCBS review, town halls, home health
Federal Update

Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Signed June 3)

- AKA “Debt Ceiling Bill”
- Suspends debt ceiling until January 1, 2025, in exchange for...
  - Spending caps (drastic cuts to programs that serve Iowans with disabilities)
  - Work requirements for some public assistance programs
  - Take back unspent pandemic aid to states
- 1% spending increase for the fiscal year that begins this September (lower than inflation=cut)
- If Congress cannot pass budgets by 1/1/2024, automatic 1% cut to FFY 2023 budget level
- Real impact unknown b/c bill also takes back unspent money, number of “side deals” made
- **Eligibility for Medicaid not changed – no work requirements added.**
  - Work requirements for SNAP & TANF (which funds childcare in Iowa)
  - Applies to childless recipients up to age 54 (instead of 49)
  - Exempts unhoused, former foster kids, and veterans
  - Exemptions do NOT mention people with disabilities
Federal Update

HCBS Access & Managed Care Rules

- April 27: CMS released two notices of proposed rulemaking
  - Ensuring Access to Medicaid (Access Rule)
  - Managed Care Access, Finance & Quality (Managed Care Rule)
- Goal is to eliminate barriers that people with disabilities face trying to get quality health care.
  - Set national standards for access to health care (regardless of managed care, fee for service)
  - Transparency for Medicaid provider rates, including rates paid to hourly direct care workers
  - Require 80% of rate goes to direct care worker compensation, instead of administration
  - Empower beneficiary choice, provide more accountability in the system
  - Applies to Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP, or in Iowa, HAWK-I)

You can make comments by July 3, 2023.

Access Rule:
- Read it: tinyurl.com/AccessRule2023
- Comment: tinyurl.com/AccessRuleComment2023

Managed Care Rule:
- Read it: tinyurl.com/MCRule2023
- Comment: tinyurl.com/MCRule2023Comment
TIPS on Federal Advocacy

Congressional Schedule is Year Round

- **State Work Periods:**
  - June 26 – July 7 (Grassley Town Halls)
  - July 31 – September 5 (“August Recess”)
  - October 9 – 10
  - November 20-24
  - December 18-29
- More resources at: nacdd.org/self-advocacy-resources/; iowaddcouncil.org/helpful-links; crsreports.congress.gov; www.cbo.gov

You are represented by 2 US Senators, 1 US Representative

- **US Senator Joni Ernst:** www.ernst.senate.gov
- **US Senator Chuck Grassley:** www.grassley.senate.gov
  - June 26 – July 7 (Grassley Town Halls)
TIPS on Federal Advocacy

You are represented by one US Representative (Congressperson)

- **US Rep. Ashley Hinson:** hinson.house.gov
- **US Rep. Marianette Miller-Meeks:** millermeeks.house.gov
- **US Rep. Zach Nunn:** nunn.house.gov
- **US Rep. Randy Feenstra:** feenstra.house.gov

**IOWA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

The 118th U.S. Congress (1/3/2023—1/3/2025)
2023 Priorities (Reminder)

• Fully fund healthcare services and community-based supports to address the **workforce crisis** in both rural and urban areas.

• Support an **inclusive and accessible community** for all Iowans.

• Reduce and **eliminate all** Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiting lists.
2024 Priorities ?????

WHAT'S NEXT?
Mark Your Calendars

- **Youth Leadership Academy:** July 17-21, 2023
- **Next Capitol Chat:** August 25, 2023
- **Make Your Mark Conference:** August 30-31, 2023
- **Take Your Legislator to Work:** October 2023
- **Session Begins & Ends:** January 8, 2024 – April 16, 2024