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| **Over the past month, you've probably heard a lot about "Stopping The Cut" without really understanding what's going on. Here's a quick rundown on exactly what's happening and what it means for disability services.** **What's happening?**Last month, the Minnesota Department of Human Services received a notification from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid of a problem with Minnesota's rate setting policy for Minnesotans receiving home and community-based services (HCBS). The legislature has an opportunity to correct this glitch and preserve funding for HCBS this session, but if they do not act, providers in Minnesota will face a **7% cut in funding**. For Rise, that would equal **$850,000** in cuts. **Why is this happening?**Minnesota uses a standard formula called the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS) to set the funding rates people receive for the supportive services they access. When the system was developed, lawmakers wrote in rate increases to support service enhancements and direct care staff. However, due to federal rules governing Medicaid, there are now conflicts between past investments in HCBS and future rate increases. **Who will this impact?****This will affect every person who accesses home and community based-services.**Everyone who receives home and community-based services through Minnesota's Medicaid Waiver would see their current assistance cut up to several thousand dollars a year. In addition, this cut would mean that all providers would have to adjust to hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost revenue, and their ability to sustain current support services would be put in jeopardy.  |

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