



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

FY 2026 NJ State Budget

Funds Needed to Ensure Access to the Individual's Chosen Pursuit

ABCD surveys based on FY'19 and FY'23 data showed that most day habilitation providers spent an average of 24.6% and 20.8% of their revenue, respectively, on transporting individuals to and from day habilitation.¹ A small percentage of those surveyed spent an average of over 50% of revenue on transporting individuals, exceeding all other costs combined.²

The current day habilitation rates are nowhere close to reimbursing agencies for their transportation costs.

To rectify this problem, we propose extending day habilitation by up to 2 hours (8 units) per day solely for individuals who are transported to and from their day habilitation program by the provider agency. The rate for each unit would be equal to the individual's base rate received for day habilitation.

Since this form of transport mainly impacts individuals with either minimal or no options due to their ambulatory status, cognitive skills, and/or unavailable public/family transport, it is imperative that we ensure transportation for those who would not otherwise have access to their chosen pursuit, day habilitation.

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¹ Savings in FY'23 accrued from increased efficiencies and decreased numbers of wheelchair transports.

² For this group a majority of their transports are people in wheelchairs and/or living in densely populated/urban like areas. The day habilitation transportation papers can be found at ABCD's website advocacy page, <https://www.abcdnj.org/advocacy/>