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for OPEIU Local 8 members at Coastal Community Action Program

September 18, 2020

Hazard Pay to Continue through September 30, 2020!

Coastal Community Action Program received additional temporary Hazard Pay from the state that will be in effect from July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. This new Hazard Pay amount from the state is a reduction from what CCAP received for the months of May and June 2020. As you have seen on your paycheck the new amount is \$2.49 per hour for every hour actually worked. This increase will not apply to any non-worked paid hours such as Paid Time Off (PTO), Bereavement Leave or any other paid leave. This Hazard Pay of \$2.49 per hour will continue for all hours worked through September 30, 2020. Retro Pay will be paid on your October paycheck.

Troubling Cuts to Home Care in the proposed budget from the Dept. of Health & Human Services

The following was taken from a Press Release that the AARP has put on out on behalf of the Long-Term Care Coalition, of which CCAP and our Union are members.

Eliminating Long Term Care Services Will Endanger Vulnerable Washingtonians. *Latest Dept. of Health & Human Services Budget Exercise Sounds Alarm with Activists*

(Olympia, WA) – On Monday, September 14th, the Department of Health and Human Services released a new budget cut scenario that amounts to a drastic elimination of critical long-term care services that provide assistance with daily activities like eating, bathing, and taking medications. Losing those supports will endanger our most vulnerable Washingtonians.

The Long-Term Care Coalition, a broad and diverse coalition of long-term care advocates, has been monitoring projected budget cuts and working together with a unified voice to object to this rollback in essential support. In addition to the immediate health crisis, we are still in the midst of a rapidly growing aging population. Now is not the time to pull the rug out from under those who need care the most.

The Long-term Care Coalition invites all Washingtonians to join us in objecting to reducing critical services to those most impacted by this pandemic. We encourage lawmakers and budget writers to protect our most vulnerable populations

Immediate Action Needed

SPEAK OUT!

Call the Legislative HOTLINE at 1-800-562-6000 (**TTY for Hearing Impaired 800.833.6388**) and send to legislators and the governor. You can call the Hotline from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Interpreter services available for many languages. You don't need to know who your legislator is, just your address.

When you call tell the operator you want to leave a message for your two State Representatives, State Senator and the Governor

Hotline Message: Department of Health and Human Services released a new budget with cuts that would drastically eliminate critical long-term care services that provide assistance with daily activities like eating, bathing, and taking medications. Losing these supports will endanger our most vulnerable Washingtonians. I ask that you reject a budget that includes reduction to in-home care.

Don't delay, make your call today. It's quick and easy and once you've called get your clients to do the same.

Questions? Contact Union Representative Shelby Mooney at shelby@opeiu8.org or 206-448-2615.

Upcoming Events

Membership Assembly

Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Special Guest Speakers April Sims, Secretary-Treasurer of the WSLC and Cesar Leyva, Political Director for the OPEIU
- Committee Meetings

Shop Steward/Leadership Training

Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:00 p.m.

South/West Regional Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.

Shop Steward/Leadership Training: Washington Paid Family Medical Leave

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:00 p.m.

All events are via Zoom. To register go to: <https://forms.gle/xW53MPcBTXCyzXeJ7>

Want to stay informed about union negotiations, meetings, and actions in your workplace?

Text **Local 8** to **97779** to receive text updates.

It will prompt you to let us know your name and where you work to make sure you get the right updates. (Message and data rates may apply)



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