



Florida Association of
Centers for Independent Living

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

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SPECIAL SESSION – COMMITTEE WEEK

This week, the Legislature inserted a Special Session into their regularly scheduled committee week to address several priority issues, including scholarships for students with disabilities. The House and Senate unanimously passed [HB 3C](#) by Rep. Josie Tomkow (R-Polk), which increases the maximum number of students participating in the [Family Empowerment Scholarship \(FES\) for Unique Abilities](#) to the total number of students deemed eligible for the program. The program is designed to provide families of students with disabilities additional education options. Demand for the program has exceeded expectations.

2024 CIL Funding Request

FACIL's appropriation request of \$1.5 million for CILs to support community transition services is moving its way through "the process". On the House side, our issue is officially filed as [HB 1553](#) by Rep. Demi Bussata-Cabrera (R-Miami). We will let you know when we have a bill number on the Senate side. In the meantime, please continue to attend any remaining legislative delegation meetings in your area and educate your elected officials about the great work your CIL is doing for their constituents with disabilities!

ITN for APD Managed Care Pilot Published

In other news, AHCA has published an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for a pilot managed care program for individuals aged 18 and over with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities living in AHCA regions F (Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, Collier) and I (Miami-Dade, Monroe) who are currently on the APD waiver waiting list.

Like the statewide Medicaid Managed Care ITN, the [ITN for the Comprehensive IDD Pilot Program](#) requires MCOs to establish partnerships and contract with community-based organizations to address the health-related social needs of enrollees. **CILs are listed among the community-based providers MCOs must partner with in the ITN.**

Enrollment in the pilot program will be voluntary and up to 600 slots are funded. AHCA intends to issue one contract for each region to a Managed Care Organization (MCO) that has been awarded a long-term care contract under the statewide program. Specific goals for the program outlined in the ITN include:

- Maximizing managed care flexibility to provide additional services.
- Increase access to providers and services.
- Maintain the highest quality of care coordination and person-centered care plans.
- Increasing opportunities for community integration.

Although the Legislature only approved one year of funding for the pilot, the ITN states the contracts will run through September 30, 2030.

The 2024 Legislative Session will commence at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 9th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FACIL Board of Directors Meeting

- Monday, January 29th
- 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm EST
- [Hampton Inn & Suites Tallahassee Capitol](#)
824 Railroad Ave., 32310
- And Virtually on Boardable

CIL Day @ The Capitol

- Tuesday, January 30th
- 9:00 am – 12:00 noon EST
- Florida Capitol, Tallahassee

Future Committee Week Dates

- November 13-17
- December 4-7
- December 11-15