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| 1. MHA believes that programs should not be expanded beyond current slots until the state's funding requirements are improved. | Thu, Sep 9, 2010 4:15 PM |
| 2. This should not be eliminated because it is clearly more expensive to put people in nursing homes than to support them through the waiver. This is a cost saving measure and if anything more money should be put into this service. | Wed, Sep 8, 2010 5:16 PM |
| 3. political suicide from disability voters | Wed, Sep 8, 2010 3:08 PM |
| 4. Probably not. | Sat, Sep 4, 2010 11:49 AM |
| 5. Leave alone. | Fri, Sep 3, 2010 3:03 PM |
| 6. Waiver service save the state money. | Fri, Sep 3, 2010 11:43 AM |
| 7. I thought the governer was not going to cut social programs ? | Fri, Sep 3, 2010 11:02 AM |
| 8. the waiver program has helped individuals to remain in their own homes which is the least expensive. | Thu, Sep 2, 2010 8:12 PM |
| 9. Tread lightly on anything that might be viewed as restricting eligibility; the consequences are severe for doing so. | Thu, Sep 2, 2010 4:58 PM |
| 10. We don't need any more community waivers for the mentally ill. | Thu, Sep 2, 2010 4:07 PM |
| 11. Eliminating all of the new waiver slots will result in some level of cost shift to nursing homes. The cost of providing the nursing home services that people are entitled to will at a minimum reduce the projected savings significantly and could end up actually increasing expenditures. Montana has been extremely successful at managing its long term care budget in a way that both meets the needs of its citizens and is fiscally responsible. Eliminating new waiver slots will make it extremely difficult to continue to responsibly manage the state's Medicaid long term care services in a way that makes sense financially and is in the best interests of montanans in need of long term care. | Thu, Sep 2, 2010 12:36 PM |
| 12. This program keeps people in their homes and communities at minimal cost compared to institutional levels of care. And the federal revenue Montana would lose would translate into lost jobs. | Wed, Sep 1, 2010 9:14 PM |

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13.	We now have 80 people on our wait list-because of this I am seeing people going to nursing homes and struggling at home-when we have the extra supports we can serve the most needy and reduce the nursing home budget.	Tue, Aug 31, 2010 7:48 AM
14.	We need waiver support. They are having long waiting lists now to get on services	Thu, Aug 26, 2010 3:45 PM
15.	I do not support reducing funds for this.	Thu, Aug 26, 2010 10:50 AM
16.	I encourage you to look at how many people and what type of people are on the wait list.	Thu, Aug 26, 2010 10:50 AM
17.	Why would Montana want to risk losing federal matching dollars by eliminating extra slots for these programs, that also save the state money because they aren't paying for a nursing home for clients.	Wed, Aug 25, 2010 2:00 PM
18.	If anything the community waiver program needs additional monetary support since e.g in Missoula county our waiting list is currently 80 people. The costs savings, vs. nursing home care are tremendous and the value in helping clients remain as independent as possible is priceless.	Wed, Aug 25, 2010 1:23 PM
19.	Disagree	Sun, Aug 22, 2010 5:06 PM
20.	I ask that you review the waiting list. 700 identified state wide. There are many others in need of service but are not yet on the waiting list. Reasons include - not understanding that they do not have to "waive" something such as a resource to receive the service and because of the waiting list itself. Also, because of the lack of "slots" available some individuals are not afforded the opportunity to receive rehabilitation because of no supports following discharge. How is this meeting the needs of Montanans?	Thu, Aug 12, 2010 3:38 PM
21.	The waiting list has continued to grow. Keeping people in the community is cheaper than them going to a Nursing Home. It makes sense to provide a cheaper optional service than paying for a more expensive mandated service.	Tue, Aug 10, 2010 1:04 PM
22.	There are approximately 520 people on the waiting list waiting for this service. We need to do away with the institutional bias and let people choose if they have Home and Community Based Services rather than nursing home.	Tue, Aug 3, 2010 10:35 AM

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