



Community Connect

## Waiver Advocacy- Training Opportunities

**Changes in the HCBS waiver rules are now out for public comment! This is the hearing we've been waiting for, and it's time to make our voices heard!**

### **IMPORTANT Details about the Public Hearing and Comment Period**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Date: January 5, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Location: 19 Union Street, Room 110  
Augusta ME 04333

**COMMENTS DEADLINE: Comments must be received by midnight January 15, 2016.**

Click the link <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/proposed.shtml> Scroll down to first two boxes, MaineCare Benefits Manual Chapter III section 21 and MaineCare Benefits Manual Chapter 21 Section II. Of each section click onto either "WORD" or "PDF" to fully view and download

#### ***What you can do to provide feedback!***

*Maine Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC) is supporting advocacy training through the Small Grants Program: Education and Leadership Development grant awarded to Kim Humphrey on Behalf of 10 Individuals. The topic focus is the recently released Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) waiver proposal, which is currently in public comment period. The training will be open to individuals, families and interested parties seeking to have a voice. Bellows and Company will provide the training in two independent but related offerings.*

#### **In-Person Training: Preparing and Testifying for the Public Hearing**

**December 30, 2015, 5:00-7:00PM,**

*Maine Developmental Disabilities Council, Augusta, 225 Western Avenue, Suite 4*

- Learn what to expect at the January 5 public hearing
- Learn how to prepare the most effective testimony

#### **Conference Call Training: Preparing Written Testimony**

**January 6, 2016, 5:00-6:00PM**

**Teleconference [1.888.407.5039](tel:1.888.407.5039), PIN 18533025**

- Learn how to prepare the most effective written testimony to submit by January 15.
- Learn the difference between a Public Hearing for the Department of Health and Human Services vs. for the Health and Human Services Legislative Committee

To join, please contact Kim Humphrey at [khumphrey.phadv@gmail.com](mailto:khumphrey.phadv@gmail.com) or [207-754-3435](tel:207-754-3435)