

Senate Medicaid Committee
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Members of the Senate Medicaid Committee. My name is Mary Jane Hagerty. This may be a unique position to tell you about. I have had the privilege of being one of few people who have been a parent of a resident at Brookside, an ICF-IID, since it opened in 1980. My child, who is 56, has lived there for 35 years, since it opened. For recent years, since 1990, I have seen the employees and staff work to run a place where the residents are non-ambulatory and pretty nearly unable to manage on their own. It is an unusual, but necessary atmosphere. However, having everyone under one roof is a comforting place to be for the residents and staff, so that when help is needed, it is not far away. If I was asked to move my daughter to a smaller facility, I would turn down the opportunity. I feel she is better taken care of in a large facility as they have the help and services she needs right there available at any given minute. They have many staff who are all there to help each other out. The efficiency of this type of home is evident. Plus my daughter is very social and I do not feel she would like to be isolated like she would be in a smaller facility. Please consider the value of ICF-IIDs as they now serve these individuals whom we love and care for. Thank you.
