



## State of Connecticut

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### Acquired Brain Injury Waiver II Advisory Committee Report – February 2015

Sec. 17b-260a (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes establishes an advisory committee for the Acquired Brain Injury Waiver II. The ABI Waiver II Advisory Committee is charged with studying the impact of the individual cost cap for the ABI Waiver II program. The committee is to meet no less than four times per year. The statute requires the committee to submit a report to the legislature by February 15, 2015.

The Advisory committee members are appointed by the legislation and represent the chairs and ranking members of the Human Services, Public Health and Appropriations committees, or their designees, provided such designees include consumers and providers of services under the ABI waiver II program. Also represented are the Commissioners of the Departments of Social Services, and Mental Health and Addiction Services, or their designees. Each of these groups appointed one of three co-chairs for the Advisory Committee. Representative Catherine Abercrombie, co-chair of the Human Services Committee, was appointed to serve as a co-chair by the chairs of the aforementioned committees of cognizance, Representative Craig Miner, ranking member of the Appropriations Committee was appointed to serve as a co-chair by the ranking members of the committees of cognizance and Kathy Bruni, Director of the Alternate Care Unit of the Department of Social Services was chosen co-chair by the Commissioners.

The first meeting of the ABI Waiver II Advisory Committee occurred on September 10, 2014. A second meeting was held on December 11, 2014.

As waiver approval was not granted until November 26, 2014 and did not go into effect until December 1, 2014, insufficient information is available as to the impact of the cost cap on individuals receiving services.

To date, the committee has begun discussions to establish the parameters and criteria that will be used to compare services received under the ABI Waiver II cost cap of 150% to the services received under the original ABI Waiver.

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