



Rally for Choice: Community Participation Supports

- WHEN:** Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 11:00 am
- WHERE:** Harrisburg Capitol, Main Rotunda
- WHO:** **Richard S. Edley, PhD**, President/CEO, RCPA
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The issue at hand is the Community Participation Supports (CPS) program and policies recently implemented by the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs. These policies, including the new service rates that were implemented, now threaten the services provided by many of the state's programs that support individuals with serious, complex, medical or behavioral needs. Also of prime importance is protecting the freedom of choice for these individuals and families, who need to be able to select from a full continuum of services.

The lawsuit, filed by the Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA), two member agencies that support and employ adults with developmental disabilities, and two individuals/families with intellectual disabilities who receive services through these organizations, challenges the formation and components of that CPS program. The suit was filed in Commonwealth Court.

About the Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA):

With well over 350 members, the majority of who serve over 1 million Pennsylvanians annually, Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA) is among the largest and most diverse state health and human services trade associations in the nation. RCPA provider members offer mental health, drug and alcohol, intellectual and developmental disabilities, children's, brain injury, medical rehabilitation, and physical disabilities and aging services, through all settings and levels of care. Visit www.paproviders.org for more information.