

My name is Sandy McVicker. My family lives in the Cedar Rapids area. Our son is 38, on a ventilator, feeding tube, wheelchair, complete quadriplegic. We have kept him at our home all his life. We have always tried to take the best care of him that we can. He is on the PD waiver. My husband has always provided his CDAC paid for by the waiver. We have been told that the waivers will still be in affect but all services will have to be provided by an agency. Private people or family will not be allowed to bill for those services. First of all we cant get any agency to have anyone to come out twice a day to help get out of bed and to bath and to put to bed. How do they think we can get someone to provide CDAC. No one except family wants to do the work we do for the amount paid. I'm not sure how the governor thinks that will save money except that families will still have to do it without being compensated. That will certainly be a hardship for us and many other families. We are in our sixties and without help we will probably need to put our son in a care center then the state will have to pay for all his care. How is that going to save money?I'm sure we are not alone in our concerns. We certainly feel that the state is abandoning the people who need their help the most. I'm sure our concerns are too little too late but we aren't sure what we are going to do now. Please consider allowing families to be compensated for the work they are doing to save the state money. Thank you, Bill and Sandy McVicker