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Subject: Comments Regarding Federal Regulations Including Federal Regulations Affecting Small Business

Hello, Please forward this to the correct office.

We are residents of Florida. My son (Chris) is 33 years of age and is disabled, cerebral palsy.

A year ago he was accepted to the Matter of Choice program. This was a program that allowed him some control of his life. In this program he was able to select and hire the individuals that assisted him daily with his personal care, etc. Because he felt he was in control of his life he had an immense increase in his self-esteem. This way he didn't have to have strangers come to the house and bath him and with his body hygiene.

Supposedly because of the shortage in the state budget, this program was prematurely canceled and my son was placed back on the MEDICAID WAIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM. Again he is in the situation of having strangers to help him with his personal care. I'm not saying that this program is bad, I'm sure it helps thousands of people, but it is not the best program for Chris.

Along with Matter of Choice another program called Consumer Directed Care was started. I am told that a request has been made to your office, by Medicare, to allow all of the MOC participants to join the CDC program. As this is federally funded program I'm told it needs your approval.

I don't know how all of this works, I do know that my son was much happier when he was on the MOC. He was in control of his life.

Could you please tell me what action is being taken on this matter.

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