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As well as communication with recognized esteemed organizations.

National and International Organizations:

- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Disabled in Action (DIA)
- Equip for Equality
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

National Whistleblower / Retaliation Advocates

- Government Accountability Project (GAP)
- The Whistleblower Project
- ExposeFacts
- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- National Whistleblower Center
- Project On Government Oversight (POGO)

- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Whistleblower Aid

News Media Outlets and Journalists:

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post The Associated Press (AP), ProPublica, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio (NPR) Reuters, CNN, BuzzFeed News, VICE News, Fox News, NBC, MSNBC etc.

Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances:

As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, my condition necessitates prompt access to the requested information. The nature of my disabilities can sometimes impose barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is not just a matter of legal right but also a critical component of my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

The potential delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my ability to effectively advocate for myself and others in similar situations. The information requested is crucial for ensuring that rights are not just upheld but actively protected, particularly in the context of disability support and advocacy.

Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the person requesting the information demonstrates a compelling need. According to the FOIA, a compelling need is defined as a situation where failure to obtain the requested records could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. In my case, while there may not be an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, which are essential for my wellbeing and that of others who rely on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I kindly request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, in recognition of these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated and would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Communication Accommodations:

Due to my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I find electronic forms of communication are more effective for my full participation and understanding. These methods allow me to better process, comprehend, and reference the details of our interactions. I kindly request that all communications regarding this FOIA request, including any acknowledgments, updates, or responses, be directed to me via email or written correspondence.

Your cooperation in this regard is not only a legal compliance matter but also an acknowledgment of the accommodations necessary for effective communication and information access.

A prompt and detailed response to this request is essential for the transparent and accountable functioning of the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Your attention to this matter will significantly contribute to ongoing advocacy self advocacy efforts and policy analysis in this critical area of public health and disability support.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
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Date : 01.12.2024

Subject: Notice Regarding Medicaid Administration in Connecticut, FOIA Non-Compliance, ADA Concerns, and Whistleblower Retaliation

I. Introduction: I, David Medeiros, as a brain injury and stroke survivor, founder of ABI Resources, and a dedicated advocate for ethical healthcare administration, am writing to formally address grave concerns regarding the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and its Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in their administration of the Medicaid program in Connecticut. These concerns are magnified by systemic non-compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and personal experiences of whistleblower retaliation.

II. Detailed Legal Framework and Concerns:

ADA Compliance Issues:

- Breaches of the ADA of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and the ADAAA, which ensure non-discriminatory treatment and equal access for individuals with disabilities, have been observed.

Whistleblower Protection and Retaliation:

I am protected under key statutes, including the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 (5 U.S.C. § 2302(b)(8)) and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. § 1514A). My experiences suggest a failure to uphold these protections, warranting immediate investigation and rectification.

Violations of Medicaid Regulations:

Significant deviations from Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1396 - 1396w-5) and Federal Medicaid Regulations (42 CFR Parts 430 to 456), raising concerns about compliance with federal-state cooperative principles, funding regulations, and service delivery standards.

Potential APA Violations:

Possible violations of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 706) due to CMS's arbitrary and capricious actions in overseeing Connecticut's Medicaid program.

False Claims Act and HIPAA Compliance Concerns:

Potential issues under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 - 3733) regarding the management of federal Medicaid funds and concerns about non-compliance with HIPAA (Public Law 104-191).

FFP Regulations Non-Adherence:

Apparent non-adherence to 42 CFR Part 433, which governs the oversight of federal funding and matching funds for Medicaid.

III. In-Depth Analysis of FOIA and ADA Non-Compliance:**Systematic FOIA Non-Compliance:**

My FOIA requests, crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in Medicaid administration, have been met with persistent delays and a disconcerting lack of responsiveness. This systematic non-compliance is a direct violation of 5 U.S.C. § 552. Such delays not only hinder my ability to engage in informed advocacy but also erode public trust in the administration of justice and government transparency.

The need for expedited processing of these requests is not only a legal requirement as outlined in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) but also a moral imperative. The information contained within these requests is pivotal for public understanding and oversight of government operations, especially concerning the administration of critical healthcare services.

Failure to Accommodate under the ADA:

The lack of adequate ADA accommodations, particularly in the context of communication and information dissemination, constitutes a significant barrier to my effective participation in advocacy. As a person with disabilities, the failure to provide these accommodations is not only a breach of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) but also a denial of my basic rights to access information and participate in public life.

This failure has materially impaired my ability to represent not only my interests but also those of the wider community of individuals with similar disabilities. The provision of adequate accommodations is a legal obligation under the ADA, essential for ensuring that individuals with disabilities can effectively advocate for their rights and engage in meaningful dialogue with government entities.

IV. Demands for Immediate Action:

Comprehensive Review of Medicaid Administration:

I demand an immediate and exhaustive review of CMS's oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid program. This review must not only ensure strict adherence to federal laws and regulations governing Medicaid but also rigorously assess compliance with ADA requirements and whistleblower protections. Given the potential impact on vulnerable populations, this review must be conducted with the utmost urgency and thoroughness. The aim is to identify and rectify any deviations from legal standards that compromise the integrity and effectiveness of Medicaid services.

Ensuring Compliance with FOIA and ADA:

The prompt processing of all pending, closed FOIA requests is an uncompromisable requirement.

This is not a mere procedural necessity but a fundamental aspect of ensuring transparency and accountability in the administration of public health. Each day of delay in processing these requests represents a continued breach of public trust and legal duty.

In parallel, the establishment of necessary ADA accommodations is of equal urgency. These accommodations are critical for ensuring that I, and others in similar circumstances, can effectively communicate, access vital information, and participate fully in advocacy and policy discussions. The current inadequacies in ADA accommodations are not only a violation of legal mandates but also a barrier to meaningful participation in matters of public health and policy. Immediate action to rectify these inadequacies is non-negotiable.

V. Conclusion: The issues raised in this letter are not only of grave concern but also of immediate and pressing urgency. The effective administration of Medicaid in Connecticut is more than a bureaucratic exercise; it is a matter of life and well-being for millions of individuals who rely on this critical healthcare service. My insistence on strict adherence to legal and ethical standards is driven by the necessity to protect the most vulnerable and uphold the integrity of our healthcare system. I expect a prompt and substantial response to these concerns and am fully prepared to escalate my efforts to ensure compliance and rectification of these critical issues.

VI. Legal Recourse and Future Steps: Given the severity and potential impact of the issues outlined, I want to clearly state that my commitment to seeking justice and ensuring accountability is unwavering. Should my concerns not be satisfactorily addressed, I am fully prepared to pursue all available legal avenues. This includes, but is not limited to, seeking judicial review and initiating legal actions under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), the False Claims Act, and other pertinent statutes to address any violations committed by CMS. My resolve to take these steps is firm, as it is imperative that those responsible for overseeing public healthcare services are held to the

highest standards of legal and ethical conduct.

VII. I Am Aware of My Rights:

It is important for me to express that I am thoroughly aware of my rights. This includes the legal bases for litigation under federal laws such as the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the False Claims Act. My actions include the pursuit of required administrative remedies and understanding the necessity of adhering to statutes of limitations. While I have consulted with legal counsel to ensure compliance with all procedural requirements, particularly under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), my focus is on equality, transparency, accommodative solution systems, public awareness, and preparedness rather than the immediate pursuit of litigation. This stance reflects my commitment to a strategic and informed approach to addressing these critical issues in the pursuit of the greatest good.

FCMS/ES	010920247054	1/9/2024	1/9/2024	Medeiros, David	
	New SWIFT Document 010920247054				Closed OPOLE
FCMS/ES	010920247033	1/9/2024	1/9/2024	Medeiros, David	
	Communication between CT State employees and care management providers				
	Response Pending	REG 01			
FCMS/ES	010820247061	1/8/2024	1/8/2024	Medeiros, David	
	Whistleblower, Retaliation, etc. information				
	Response Pending OEOCR				
FCMS/ES	011020247058	1/6/2024	1/6/2024	Medeiros, David	
	OCR Complaint - Reference Number: 01-24-551819				Closed
FCMS/ES	010620247001	1/6/2024	1/6/2024	Medeiros, David	

OCR Reference Number: 01-24-551819

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FCMS/ES	010820247065	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	Medeiros, David	
				Michael Slitt's role and activities within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program	Closed
FCMS/ES	010920247077	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	Medeiros, David	
				Binder Comprehensive FOIA Request for Records on Disability Rights and Whistleblower Protections New	
FCMS/ES	010320247010	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	Medeiros, David	
				CT -- Michael Slitt's involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program	
				Response Review REG 01	
FCMS/ES	010320247031	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	Medeiros, David	
				Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (CT)	
				Response Pending	REG 01
FCMS/ES	010920247074	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	Medeiros, David	
				Records on Matthew S. Antonetti's Government Interactions Regarding David Medeiros, ABI Resources, and Medicaid ABI Waiver Program	
				Response Review REG 01	
FCMS/ES	010220247012	1/2/2024	1/2/2024	Medeiros, David	
				CT -- State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220	
				Response Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	122620237029	12/26/2023	12/26/2023	Medeiros, David	
				Correspondence from State of CT	
				Response Review REG 01	

FCMS/ES	122320237001	12/23/2023	12/23/2023	Medeiros, David	
	Connecticut - Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program				Closed
FCMS/ES	122320237002	12/23/2023	12/23/2023	Medeiros, David	
	CT -- Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program				Closed
FCMS/ES	122120237092	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	Medeiros, David	
	ABI Resources New				
FCMS/ES	122120237090	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	Medeiros, David	
	CT -- Associated Connecticut Matters				
	Response Review REG 01				
FCMS/ES	010220247006	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
	Re: 12.18.2023 FOIA Request detailed records related to the stop of companion				
	authorizations with...				
	Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	121820237006	12/18/2023	12/18/2023	Medeiros, David	
	New SWIFT Document 121820237006				Closed OPOLE
FCMS/ES	121220237012	12/12/2023	12/12/2023	Medeiros, David	
	Request for information on Dr. Nichole Collins (CT)				
	Response Pending CMCS				
FCMS/ES	121220237017	12/12/2023	12/12/2023	Medeiros, David	
	Request information on Dr. Michelle Brisma (CT)				Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	121320237012	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
	12.11.2023 CMS HHS FOIA Freedom of Information Request. CMS and HHS				
	records and documents that pe...				
	Response Review CMCS				

FCMS/ES	111920237001	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	111920237002	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				Cognitive Behavioral Services Behavior Analysts in Medicaid ABI Waiver	
				Response Pending CMCS	
FCMS/ES	111920237003	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				Care Management Consultation Services in Medicaid ABI Waiver	
				Response Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	111920237004	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program	
				Response Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	111920237005	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				Connecticut Department of Social Services Office of Legal Affairs, Regulations, and	
				Administrative Hearings	
				Response Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	111920237006	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs	
				Response Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	103020237004	10/30/2023	10/30/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs,	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	102320237021	10/23/2023	10/23/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				New SWIFT Document 102320237021	Closed
FCMS/ES	102320237015	10/23/2023	10/23/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
				CMS Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and Consumer Compensation	

Response Review CMCS

FCMS/ES	101720237011	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	ABI Waiver programs	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	101720237013	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Goodwill through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs	Closed
FCMS/ES	101720237008	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	The Supported Living Group through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	101720237010	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Goodwill through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	101720237012	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Project Genesis through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs Response Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	092920237066	9/29/2023	9/29/2023	Medeiros, David	Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, Records Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	092620237001	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money	Closed
FCMS/ES	092020237008	9/20/2023	9/20/2023	Medeiros, David	"The Supported Living Group"	Closed OPOLE
FCMS/ES	082420237010	8/24/2023	8/24/2023	Medeiros, David	Connecticut Medicaid Programs	Closed REG 01
FCMS/ES	082420237012	8/24/2023	8/24/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID		

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Response Review CMCS

FCMS/ES	070520237049	7/5/2023	7/5/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Name and title of the current Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Social Services	Closed
FCMS/ES	070520237047	7/5/2023	7/5/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Protocols	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	060520237010	6/5/2023	6/5/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	position titles of all employees within the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and COU Community Options Unit	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	060120237056	6/1/2023	6/1/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Community Care (CCC) and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), as well as the Community Options Unit (COU), pertaining to ABI Resources LLC.	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	051520237013	5/15/2023	5/15/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	ABI Waivers	Closed
FCMS/ES	050320237021	5/3/2023	5/3/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver I Program	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	042720237060	4/27/2023	4/27/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	ABI Waiver Programs	Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	040420237036	4/4/2023	4/4/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Community Care (CCC) referral system	Closed OPOLE
FCMS/ES	040420237037	4/4/2023	4/4/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID		

Money Follows the Person (MFP) (CT)

Response Pending CMCS

FCMS/ES **032820237017** 3/28/2023 3/28/2023 Medeiros, David
Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver and Money Following the Person Program
Closed CMCS

FCMS/ES **111520227061** 11/15/2022 11/15/2022 MEDEIROS, DAVID
The Supported Living Group LLC
Closed CMCS

As we navigate these challenging times and confront the issues at hand, I am reminded of the greater purpose that unites us all - the pursuit of the greatest good. This endeavor transcends individual interests and speaks to the core values that bind us as a community committed to fairness, justice, and the well-being of every individual.

In this spirit, I reach out not just as an individual advocating for personal rights, but as a member of a larger community seeking to uphold the principles of equality, transparency, and ethical governance. I believe that through mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration, we can overcome the challenges before us.

This journey is not just about rectifying the wrongs experienced by one, but about inspiring positive change that benefits all. It is about building a more inclusive, just, and compassionate society where every voice is heard, every right is respected, and every individual is valued.

Would you please recognize that our collective efforts have the power to create a more equitable and just world. Together, we stand strong in our commitment to fairness and the greater good, ready to face the challenges ahead with faith, determination and solidarity.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
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ABI Resources, CEO, Director, Team Member
Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Support Provider.



FOIA Requests

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Cc: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Mr. Medeiros:

Please consider this communication as an attempt by the Department to explain the status of your pending FOIA requests. Since September 26, 2023, you have filed 55 FOIA requests. Many of the requests contain multiple items, bringing the total number of requests to an even larger number than the 55 referenced above.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in identifying ways to narrow or minimize your outstanding requests.

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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act – Michael Slitt's
michael.slitt@ct.gov

Dear FOIA Officer,

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Expedited Processing Request:

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Specific Information Requested:

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From the first date of employment to the present day.

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- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare Beneficiaries

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
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- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
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- Grandparents As Parents
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- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
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National Whistleblower / Retaliation Advocates

- Government Accountability Project (GAP)
- The Whistleblower Project
- ExposeFacts
- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- National Whistleblower Center
- Project On Government Oversight (POGO)

- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Whistleblower Aid

News Media Outlets and Journalists:

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post The Associated Press (AP), ProPublica, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio (NPR) Reuters, CNN, BuzzFeed News, VICE News, Fox News, NBC, MSNBC etc.

Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances:

As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, my condition necessitates prompt access to the requested information. The nature of my disabilities can sometimes impose barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is not just a matter of legal right but also a critical component of my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

The potential delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my ability to effectively advocate for myself and others in similar situations. The information requested is crucial for ensuring that rights are not just upheld but actively protected, particularly in the context of disability support and advocacy.

Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the person requesting the information demonstrates a compelling need. According to the FOIA, a compelling need is defined as a situation where failure to obtain the requested records could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. In my case, while there may not be an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, which are essential for my wellbeing and that of others who rely on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I kindly request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, in recognition of these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated and would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Communication Accommodations:

Due to my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I find electronic forms of communication are more effective for my full participation and understanding. These methods allow me to better process, comprehend, and reference the details of our interactions. I kindly request that all communications regarding this FOIA request, including any acknowledgments, updates, or responses, be directed to me via email or written correspondence.

Your cooperation in this regard is not only a legal compliance matter but also an acknowledgment of the accommodations necessary for effective communication and information access.

A prompt and detailed response to this request is essential for the transparent and accountable functioning of the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Your attention to this matter will significantly contribute to ongoing advocacy self advocacy efforts and policy analysis in this critical area of public health and disability support.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
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Date: 01.02.2024

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act.

ADA The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA)

Dear FOIA Officer Appropriate Authority/Agency,

I am writing to submit a formal request under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. This request pertains to obtaining detailed records and communications involving all Connecticut state employees, care management providers associated with Connecticut Community Care, and other relevant parties in relation to the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other state and federally funded programs for the disabled.

Scope of Request:

All Communications and Correspondences: This includes emails, memos, letters, and other forms of communication between state employees and care management providers under the Connecticut Community Care umbrella, with a focus on those relating to the Connecticut Department of Social Services and the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Activities and Involvement Records: Detailed documentation of activities, roles, and involvement of all Connecticut government employees within the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, including but not limited to, my involvement as David Medeiros and my organization, ABI Resources.

Justification and Context:

All legal cases, including lawsuits or administrative proceedings, relating to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within these programs.

Complete records detailing roles, and responsibilities within the ABI Waiver Program.

All written communications, including emails and memos, involving related to the program's operations.

Records of meetings, including minutes and notes, with participation, pertinent to the program.

Reports, audits, or evaluations involving the context of the program.

Records of Reports of any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation.

From 2014 to the present day.

All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, critical incidents, and retaliation complaints.

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This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs

The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas.

I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following

- Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365
- 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights.

Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

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- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program
- Alzheimer's Respite Care Program
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD
- Birth to Three
- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare Beneficiaries
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Community First Choice
- Community Options
- Connect-Ability
- Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)
- Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program
- Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders
- Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative
- Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids
- Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
- CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Disability Services
- Durable Medical Equipment

- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
- Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Fatherhood Initiative of CT
- Grandparents As Parents
- Housing Options for Seniors
- Human Services Infrastructure
- HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Jobs First
- Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS
- Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)
- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement
- Medicare Savings Program
- Money Follows the Person
- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Nutrition Assistance Programs
- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
- Refugee Assistance Program
- School Based Child Health (SBCH)
- Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission
- Social Work Services
- State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Family Assistance - TFA
- The Personal Care Attendant Program
- Welfare to Work (Department of Labor)

- Women Infants and Children – WIC

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Documentation from Federal and State Department Executives and Associated staff:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves
- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy
- U.S. House Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes
- Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont
- Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
- Secretary of State Denise Merrill
- Attorney General William Tong
- State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
- State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
- State Auditors John Geragosian and Rob Kane
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney General Merrick Garland
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chair Charlotte A. Burrows
- Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner
- Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS Acting Director Melanie Fontes Rainer
- The Department of Labor DOL
- Government Accountability Office GAO
- Connecticut General Assembly CGA

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Best regards,
David Medeiros
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Subject: 01.03.2024 FOIA Michael Slitt Freedom of Information Act Expedited Processing Requested Freedom ...

Date: 01.02.2024

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested
Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act – Michael
Slitt's michael.slitt@ct.gov

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am submitting this request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., to obtain records pertaining to Michael Slitt's role and activities within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program, David Medeiros and ABI Resources. This request is made with the utmost seriousness and urgency to obtain comprehensive records concerning Michael Slitt's involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program, and any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation. I am writing to submit a request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. As a brain injury survivor, stroke survivor, and founder of ABI Resources, a company providing disability support services.

Expedited Processing Request:

The nature of this request is critical due to its direct connection with the legal case (David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220) and the Whistleblower Comprehensive Grievance reports concerning the ABI Waiver Program. Given these circumstances, I am requesting expedited processing.

Specific Information Requested:

To gain a thorough understanding of Mr. Slitt's involvement in the program, I request the following:

All legal cases, including lawsuits or administrative proceedings, relating to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within these programs. Complete records detailing Mr. Slitt's employment, roles, and responsibilities within the ABI Waiver Program as well as CHRO civil rights.

All written communications, including emails and memos, involving Ms. Slitt related to the program's operations.

Records of meetings, including minutes and notes, with Mr. Slitt's participation, pertinent to the program.

Reports, audits, or evaluations involving Mr. Slitt in the context of the program.

Records of Reports of any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or

whistleblower retaliation.

From the first date of employment to the present day.

All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints.

This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs

The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas.

I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following

- Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365
- 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights.

Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

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Should any part of my request be denied, I ask for a justification for all deletions by

reference to specific exemptions of the Act and expect the release of all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information or deny a waiver of fees.

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- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program
- Alzheimer's Respite Care Program
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD
- Birth to Three
- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare

Beneficiaries

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Community First Choice
- Community Options
- Connect-Ability
- Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)
- Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program
- Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders
- Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative
- Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids
- Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
- CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Disability Services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
- Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Fatherhood Initiative of CT
- Grandparents As Parents
- Housing Options for Seniors
- Human Services Infrastructure
- HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Jobs First
- Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS

- Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)
- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement
- Medicare Savings Program
- Money Follows the Person
- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Nutrition Assistance Programs
- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
- Refugee Assistance Program
- School Based Child Health (SBCH)
- Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission
- Social Work Services
- State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Family Assistance - TFA
- The Personal Care Attendant Program
- Welfare to Work (Department of Labor)
- Women Infants and Children – WIC

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Documentation from Federal and State Department Executives and Associated staff:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton
- Reeves
- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy
 - U.S. House Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes
 - Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont
 - Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
 - Secretary of State Denise Merrill
 - Attorney General William Tong
 - State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
 - State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
 - State Auditors John Geragosian and Rob Kane
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra
 - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita
- Brooks-LaSure
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney General Merrick Garland
 - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chair Charlotte A.
- Burrows
- Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner
 - Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS Acting Director Melanie Fontes Rainer
 - The Department of Labor DOL

- Government Accountability Office GAO
- Connecticut General Assembly CGA

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- Henri Martin - District 31, Republican
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- Jeff Gordon - District 35, Republican
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested
Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act.
ADA The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
The Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA)

Dear FOIA Officer Appropriate Authority/Agency,

I am writing to submit a formal request under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. This request pertains to obtaining detailed records and communications involving all Connecticut state employees, care management providers associated with Connecticut Community Care, and other relevant parties in relation to the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other state and federally funded programs for the disabled.

Scope of Request:

All Communications and Correspondences: This includes emails, memos, letters, and other forms of communication between state employees and care management providers under the Connecticut Community Care umbrella, with a focus on those relating to the Connecticut Department of Social Services and the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Activities and Involvement Records: Detailed documentation of activities, roles, and involvement of all Connecticut government employees within the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, including but not limited to, my involvement as David Medeiros and my organization, ABI Resources.

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This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs

The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas.

I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following

- Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI

Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C
Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365

- 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights.

Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

Under the FOIA, there is a provision for expedited processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. While there may not be an immediate physical threat in my case, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, essential for my wellbeing and that of others relying on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, recognizing these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

Should any part of my request be denied, I ask for a justification for all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act and expect the release of all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions within state and federally-funded programs and with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections, pertaining to these state-managed programs.

- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program
- Alzheimer's Respite Care Program
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD
- Birth to Three
- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare

Beneficiaries

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Community First Choice
- Community Options
- Connect-Ability

- Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)
- Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program
- Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders
- Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative
- Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids
- Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
- CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Disability Services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
- Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Fatherhood Initiative of CT
- Grandparents As Parents
- Housing Options for Seniors
- Human Services Infrastructure
- HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Jobs First
- Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS
- Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)
- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement
- Medicare Savings Program
- Money Follows the Person
- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Nutrition Assistance Programs
- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
- Refugee Assistance Program
- School Based Child Health (SBCH)
- Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission
- Social Work Services
- State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Family Assistance - TFA
- The Personal Care Attendant Program
- Welfare to Work (Department of Labor)
- Women Infants and Children – WIC

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections.

Documentation from Federal and State Department Executives and Associated staff:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves
- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy
- U.S. House Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes
- Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont
- Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
- Secretary of State Denise Merrill
- Attorney General William Tong
- State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
- State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
- State Auditors John Geragosian and Rob Kane
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney General Merrick Garland
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chair Charlotte A. Burrows
- Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner
- Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS Acting Director Melanie Fontes Rainer
- The Department of Labor DOL
- Government Accountability Office GAO
- Connecticut General Assembly CGA

Connecticut State Senate

- John Fonfara - District 1, Democratic
- Douglas McCrory - District 2, Democratic
- Saud Anwar - District 3, Democratic
- MD Rahman - District 4, Democratic
- Derek Slap - District 5, Democratic
- Rick Lopes - District 6, Democratic
- John Kissel - District 7, Republican
- Lisa Seminara - District 8, Republican
- Matthew L. Lesser - District 9, Democratic
- Gary Winfield - District 10, Democratic
- Martin Looney - District 11, Democratic
- Christine Cohen - District 12, Democratic
- Jan Hochadel - District 13, Democratic
- James Maroney - District 14, Democratic
- Joan Hartley - District 15, Democratic
- Robert C. Sampson - District 16, Republican
- Jorge Cabrera - District 17, Democratic
- Heather Somers - District 18, Republican

- Catherine Osten - District 19, Democratic
- Martha Marx - District 20, Democratic
- Kevin C. Kelly - District 21, Republican
- Marilyn Moore - District 22, Democratic
- Herron Gaston - District 23, Democratic
- Julie Kushner - District 24, Democratic
- Bob Duff - District 25, Democratic
- Ceci Maher - District 26, Democratic
- Patricia Miller - District 27, Democratic
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- Mae Flexer - District 29, Democratic
- Stephen Harding, Jr. - District 30, Republican
- Henri Martin - District 31, Republican
- Eric Berthel - District 32, Republican
- Norm Needleman - District 33, Democratic
- Paul Cicarella, Jr. - District 34, Republican
- Jeff Gordon - District 35, Republican
- Ryan Fazio - District 36, Republican【23†source】.
- Connecticut House of Representatives
- Matthew Ritter - District 1, Democratic
- Raghib Allie-Brennan - District 2, Democratic
- Minnie Gonzalez - District 3, Democratic
- Julio Concepcion - District 4, Democratic
- Maryam Khan - District 5, Democratic
- James B. Sánchez - District 6, Democratic
- Joshua Malik Hall - District 7, Democratic
- Tim Ackert - District 8, Republican
- Jason Rojas - District 9, Democratic
- Henry Genga - District 10, Democratic
- Jeffrey Currey - District 11, Democratic
- Geoff Luxenberg - District 12, Democratic
- Jason Doucette - District 13, Democratic
- Tom Delnicki - District 14, Republican
- Bobby Gibson - District 15, Democratic
- Melissa E. Osborne - District 16, Democratic
- Eleni Kavros DeGraw - District 17, Democratic
- Jillian Gilchrest - District 18, Democratic
- Tammy Exum - District 19, Democratic
- Kate Farrar - District 20, Democratic
- Mike Demicco - District 21, Democratic
- Francis Rexford Cooley - District 22, Republican
- Devin Carney - District 23, Republican
- Manny Sanchez - District 24, Democratic
- Bobby Sanchez - District 25, Democratic
- Peter Tercyak - District 26, Democratic
- Gary Turco - District 27, Democratic

- Amy Morrin Bello - District 28, Democratic
- Kerry Szeps Wood - District 29, Democratic
- Donna Veach - District 30, Republican
- Jill Barry - District 31, Democratic
- Christie Carpino - District 32, Republican
- Brandon Chafee - District 33, Democratic
- Irene Haines - District 34, Republican
- Chris Aniskovich - District 35, Republican
- Christine Palm - District 36, Democratic
- Holly Cheeseman - District 37, Republican
- Kathleen McCarty - District 38, Republican
- Anthony Nolan - District 39, Democratic
- Christine Conley - District 40, Democratic
- Aundré Bumgardner - District 41, Democratic
- Keith Denning - District 42, Democratic
- Greg Howard - District 43, Republican
- Anne Dauphinais - District 44, Republican
- Brian Lanoue - District 45, Republican
- Derell Wilson - District 46, Democratic
- Doug Dubitsky - District 47, Republican
- Mark DeCaprio - District 48, Republican
- Susan Johnson - District 49, Democratic
- Pat Boyd - District 50, Democratic
- Ricky Hayes - District 51, Republican
- Kurt Vail - District 52, Republican
- Tammy Nuccio - District 53, Republican
- Gregory Haddad - District 54, Democratic
- Steve Weir - District 55, Republican
- Kevin Brown - District 56, Democratic
- Jaime Foster - District 57, Democratic
- Tom Arnone - District 58, Democratic
- Carol Hall - District 59, Republican
- Jane Garibay - District 60, Democratic
- Tami Zawistowski - District 61, Republican
- Mark Anderson - District 62, Republican
- Jay Case - District 63, Republican
- Maria Horn - District 64, Democratic
- Michelle Cook - District 65, Democratic
- Karen Reddington-Hughes - District 66, Republican
- William Buckbee - District 67, Republican
- Joe Polletta - District 68, Republican
- Cindy Harrison - District 69, Republican
- Seth Bronko - District 70, Republican
- William Pizzuto - District 71, Republican
- Larry Butler - District 72, Democratic
- Ronald Napoli Jr. - District 73, Democratic

- Michael DiGiovancarlo - District 74, Democratic
- Geraldo Reyes - District 75, Democratic
- John Piscopo - District 76, Republican
- Cara Pavalock-D'Amato - District 77, Republican
- Joe Hoxha - District 78, Republican
- Mary Fortier - District 79, Democratic
- Gale Mastrofrancesco - District 80, Republican
- Christopher Poulos - District 81, Democratic
- Michael Quinn - District 82, Democratic
- Jonathan Fazzino - District 83, Democratic
- Hilda Santiago - District 84, Democratic
- Mary Mushinsky - District 85, Democratic
- Vincent Candelora - District 86, Republican
- Dave Yaccarino Sr. - District 87, Republican
- Joshua Elliott - District 88, Democratic
- Lezlye Zupkus - District 89, Republican
- Craig Fishbein - District 90, Republican
- Michael D'Agostino - District 91, Democratic
- Patricia Dillon - District 92, Democratic
- Toni Walker - District 93, Democratic
- Robyn Porter - District 94, Democratic
- Juan Candelaria - District 95, Democratic
- Roland J. Lemar - District 96, Democratic
- Alphonse Paolillo - District 97, Democratic
- Moira Rader - District 98, Democratic
- Joseph Zullo - District 99, Republican
- Kai Juanna Belton - District 100, Democratic
- John-Michael Parker - District 101, Democratic
- Robin Comey - District 102, Democratic
- Liz Linehan - District 103, Democratic
- Kara Rochelle - District 104, Democratic
- Nicole Klarides-Ditria - District 105, Republican
- Mitch Bolinsky - District 106, Republican
- Marty Foncello - District 107, Republican
- Pat Callahan - District 108, Republican
- Farley Santos - District 109, Democratic
- Bob Godfrey - District 110, Democratic
- Aimee Berger-Girvalo - District 111, Democratic
- Tony Scott - District 112, Republican
- Jason Perillo - District 113, Republican
- Mary Welander - District 114, Democratic
- Vacant - District 115
- Treneé McGee - District 116, Democratic
- Charles Ferraro - District 117, Republican
- Frank Smith - District 118, Democratic
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- Steven Stafstrom - District 129, Democratic
- Antonio Felipe - District 130, Democratic
- David Labriola - District 131, Republican
- Michael Leeper - District 132, Democratic
- Cristin Vahey - District 133, Democratic
- Sarah Keitt - District 134, Democratic
- Anne Hughes - District 135, Democratic
- Jonathan Steinberg - District 136, Democratic
- Kadeem Roberts - District 137, Democratic
- Rachel Chaleski - District 138, Republican
- Kevin Ryan - District 139, Democratic
- Travis Simms - District 140, Democratic
- Tracy Marra - District 141, Republican
- Lucy Dathan - District 142, Democratic
- Dominique Johnson - District 143, Democratic
- Hubert Delany - District 144, Democratic
- Corey Paris - District 145, Democratic
- David Michel - District 146, Democratic
- Matt Blumenthal - District 147, Democratic
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- Rachel Khanna - District 149, Democratic
- Steve Meskers - District 150, Democratic
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As well as communication with recognized esteemed organizations.

National and International Organizations:

- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Disabled in Action (DIA)
- Equip for Equality
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

National Whistleblower / Retaliation Advocates

- Government Accountability Project (GAP)

- The Whistleblower Project
- ExposeFacts
- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- National Whistleblower Center
- Project On Government Oversight (POGO)
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Whistleblower Aid

News Media Outlets and Journalists:

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post The Associated Press (AP), ProPublica, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio (NPR) Reuters, CNN, BuzzFeed News, VICE News, Fox News, NBC, MSNBC etc.

Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances:

As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, my condition necessitates prompt access to the requested information. The nature of my disabilities can sometimes impose barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is not just a matter of legal right but also a critical component of my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

The potential delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my ability to effectively advocate for myself and others in similar situations. The information requested is crucial for ensuring that rights are not just upheld but actively protected, particularly in the context of disability support and advocacy.

Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the person requesting the information demonstrates a compelling need. According to the FOIA, a compelling need is defined as a situation where failure to obtain the requested records could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. In my case, while there may not be an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, which are essential for my wellbeing and that of others who rely on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I kindly request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, in recognition of these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated and would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Communication Accommodations:

Due to my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I find electronic forms of communication are more effective for my full participation and understanding. These methods allow me to better process, comprehend, and reference the details of our interactions. I kindly request that all communications regarding this FOIA request, including any acknowledgments, updates, or responses, be directed to me via email or written correspondence.

Your cooperation in this regard is not only a legal compliance matter but also an acknowledgment of the accommodations necessary for effective communication and information access.

A prompt and detailed response to this request is essential for the transparent and accountable functioning of the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Your attention to this matter will significantly contribute to ongoing advocacy self advocacy efforts and policy analysis in this critical area of public health and disability support.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
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Date : 01.12.2024

To the attention of all pertinent Governmental Departments:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Hubert H. Humphrey Building,
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20201.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

7500 Security Boulevard,
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Disability Rights Section

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

**U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health
Administration,**

200 Constitution Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20210

Government Accountability Office (GAO)

Address: 441 G St., NW,
Washington, DC 20548

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, DOJ OIG

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

**U.S. Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human
Services (HHS OIG)**

Subject: Notice Regarding HHS CMS Medicaid Administration in Connecticut, FOIA Non-Compliance, ADA Concerns, and Whistleblower Retaliations. Complaint, Appeals, and Request for Transparency

I. Introduction:

I, David Medeiros, as a brain injury and stroke survivor, founder of ABI Resources, and a dedicated advocate for ethical healthcare administration, am writing to formally address grave concerns regarding the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and its Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in their administration of the Medicaid program in Connecticut. These concerns are magnified by systemic non-compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and personal experiences of whistleblower retaliation.

II. Detailed Legal Framework and Concerns:

ADA Compliance Issues:

Breaches of the ADA of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and the ADAAA, which ensure non-discriminatory treatment and equal access for individuals with disabilities, have been observed.

Whistleblower Protection and Retaliation:

I am protected under key statutes, including the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 (5 U.S.C. § 2302(b)(8)) and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. § 1514A). My experiences suggest a failure to uphold these protections, warranting immediate investigation and rectification.

Violations of Medicaid Regulations:

Significant deviations from Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1396 - 1396w-5) and

Federal Medicaid Regulations (42 CFR Parts 430 to 456), raising concerns about compliance with federal-state cooperative principles, funding regulations, and service delivery standards.

Potential APA Violations:

Possible violations of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 706) due to CMS's arbitrary and capricious actions in overseeing Connecticut's Medicaid program.

FFP Regulations Non-Adherence:

Apparent non-adherence to 42 CFR Part 433, which governs the oversight of federal funding and matching funds for Medicaid.

III. In-Depth Analysis of FOIA and ADA Non-Compliance:

Systematic FOIA Non-Compliance:

My FOIA requests, crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in Medicaid administration, have been met with persistent delays and a disconcerting lack of responsiveness. This systematic non-compliance is a direct violation of 5 U.S.C. § 552. Such delays not only hinder my ability to engage in informed advocacy but also erode public trust in the administration of justice and government transparency.

The need for expedited processing of these requests is not only a legal requirement as outlined in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) but also a moral imperative. The information contained within these requests is pivotal for public understanding and oversight of government operations, especially concerning the administration of critical healthcare services.

Failure to Accommodate under the ADA:

The lack of adequate ADA accommodations, particularly in the context of communication and information dissemination, constitutes a significant barrier to my effective participation in advocacy.

As a person with disabilities, the failure to provide these accommodations is not only a breach of the

ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) but also a denial of my basic rights to access information and participate in public life.

This failure has materially impaired my ability to represent not only my interests but also those of the wider community of individuals with similar disabilities. The provision of adequate accommodations is a legal obligation under the ADA, essential for ensuring that individuals with disabilities can effectively advocate for their rights and engage in meaningful dialogue with government entities.

IV. Immediate Action:

Ensuring Compliance with FOIA and ADA:

The prompt processing of all pending, closed FOIA requests is an uncompromisable requirement.

This is not a mere procedural necessity but a fundamental aspect of ensuring transparency and accountability in the administration of public health. Each day of delay in processing these requests represents a continued breach of public trust and legal duty.

In parallel, the establishment of necessary ADA accommodations is of equal urgency. These accommodations are critical for ensuring that I, and others in similar circumstances, can effectively communicate, access vital information, and participate fully in advocacy and policy discussions. The current inadequacies in ADA accommodations are not only a violation of legal mandates but also a barrier to meaningful participation in matters of public health and policy. Immediate action to rectify these inadequacies is non-negotiable.

V. Legal Concerns

- **ADA Compliance:** Reported breaches in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.).
- **Whistleblower Protection:** Concerns about non-compliance with the Whistleblower

Protection Act of 1989 (5 U.S.C. § 2302(b)(8)) and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. § 1514A).

- **Medicaid Regulation Violations:** Concerns about deviations from Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1396 - 1396w-5) and Federal Medicaid Regulations (42 CFR Parts 430 to 456).
- **APA and False Claims Act:** Potential violations under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 706) and the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 - 3733).

VI . FOIA and ADA Compliance Analysis

- **FOIA Delays:** Issues with the processing of FOIA requests (5 U.S.C. § 552), impacting transparency.
- **ADA Accommodations:** Inadequate ADA accommodations (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), hindering effective advocacy.

FCMS/ES	010920247054	1/9/2024	1/9/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	New SWIFT Document 010920247054			Closed OPOLE
FCMS/ES	010920247033	1/9/2024	1/9/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	Communication between CT State employees and care management providers			
	Response Pending REG 01			
FCMS/ES	010820247061	1/8/2024	1/8/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	Whistleblower, Retaliation, etc. information			
	Response Pending OEOCR			
FCMS/ES	011020247058	1/6/2024	1/6/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	OCR Complaint - Reference Number: 01-24-551819			Closed

FCMS/ES	010620247001	1/6/2024	1/6/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
OCR Reference Number: 01-24-551819				
Response Pending OEOCR				
FCMS/ES	010820247065	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Michael Slitt's role and activities within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program				
Closed				
FCMS/ES	010920247077	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Binder Comprehensive FOIA Request for Records on Disability Rights and Whistleblower Protections New				
FCMS/ES	010320247010	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
CT -- Michael Slitt's involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program				
Response Review REG 01				
FCMS/ES	010320247031	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (CT)				
Response Pending REG 01				
FCMS/ES	010920247074	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Records on Matthew S. Antonetti's Government Interactions Regarding David Medeiros, ABI Resources, and Medicaid ABI Waiver Program				
Response Review REG 01				
FCMS/ES	010220247012	1/2/2024	1/2/2024	MEDEIROS, DAVID
CT -- State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220				
Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	122620237029	12/26/2023	12/26/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID

Correspondence from State of CT
Response Review REG 01

FCMS/ES	122320237001	12/23/2023	12/23/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				Connecticut - Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program	Closed
FCMS/ES	122320237002	12/23/2023	12/23/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				CT -- Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program	Closed
FCMS/ES	122120237092	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				ABI Resources New	
FCMS/ES	122120237090	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				CT -- Associated Connecticut Matters	
				Response Review REG 01	
FCMS/ES	010220247006	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				Re: 12.18.2023 FOIA Request detailed records related to the stop of companion authorizations with...	
				Response Review CMCS	
FCMS/ES	121820237006	12/18/2023	12/18/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				New SWIFT Document 121820237006	Closed OPOLE
FCMS/ES	121220237012	12/12/2023	12/12/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				Request for information on Dr. Nichole Collins (CT)	
				Response Pending CMCS	
FCMS/ES	121220237017	12/12/2023	12/12/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
				Request information on Dr. Michelle Brisma (CT)	Closed CMCS

FCMS/ES	121320237012	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
12.11.2023 CMS HHS FOIA Freedom of Information Request. CMS and HHS records and documents that pe...				
Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	111920237001	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2 Closed CMCS				
FCMS/ES	111920237002	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Cognitive Behavioral Services Behavior Analysts in Medicaid ABI Waiver				
Response Pending CMCS				
FCMS/ES	111920237003	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Care Management Consultation Services in Medicaid ABI Waiver				
Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	111920237004	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program				
Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	111920237005	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Connecticut Department of Social Services Office of Legal Affairs, Regulations, and				
Administrative Hearings				
Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	111920237006	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs				
Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	103020237004	10/30/2023	10/30/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs, Closed CMCS				

FCMS/ES	102320237021	10/23/2023	10/23/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
	New SWIFT Document 102320237021				Closed
FCMS/ES	102320237015	10/23/2023	10/23/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
	CMS Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and Consumer Compensation Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	101720237011	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
	ABI Waiver programs				Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	101720237013	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
	Goodwill through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs				Closed
FCMS/ES	101720237008	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	
	The Supported Living Group through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs				Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	101720237010	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
	Goodwill through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs				Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	101720237012	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
	Project Genesis through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs Response Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	092920237066	9/29/2023	9/29/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
	Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, Records Review CMCS				
FCMS/ES	092620237001	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	
	Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money				Closed
FCMS/ES	092020237008	9/20/2023	9/20/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	

"The Supported Living Group"

Closed OPOLE

FCMS/ES 082420237010 8/24/2023 8/24/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
Connecticut Medicaid Programs **Closed REG 01**

FCMS/ES 082420237012 8/24/2023 8/24/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
Connecticut Medicaid ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) Waiver Program over the past five years
Response Review CMCS

FCMS/ES 070520237049 7/5/2023 7/5/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
Name and title of the current Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Social Services **Closed**

FCMS/ES 070520237047 7/5/2023 7/5/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Protocols **Closed CMCS**

FCMS/ES 060520237010 6/5/2023 6/5/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
position titles of all employees within the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and COU Community Options Unit **Closed CMCS**

FCMS/ES 060120237056 6/1/2023 6/1/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
Connecticut Community Care (CCC) and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), as well as the Community Options Unit (COU), pertaining to ABI Resources LLC. **Closed CMCS**

FCMS/ES 051520237013 5/15/2023 5/15/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
ABI Waivers **Closed**

FCMS/ES 050320237021 5/3/2023 5/3/2023 MEDEIROS, DAVID
Connecticut Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver I Program **Closed CMCS**

FCMS/ES	042720237060	4/27/2023	4/27/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	ABI Waiver Programs			Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	040420237036	4/4/2023	4/4/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	Connecticut Community Care (CCC) referral system			Closed OPOLE
FCMS/ES	040420237037	4/4/2023	4/4/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	Money Follows the Person (MFP) (CT)			
	Response Pending CMCS			
FCMS/ES	032820237017	3/28/2023	3/28/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver and Money Following the Person Program			Closed CMCS
FCMS/ES	111520227061	11/15/2022	11/15/2022	MEDEIROS, DAVID
	The Supported Living Group LLC			Closed CMCS

In this spirit, I reach out not just as an individual advocating for personal rights, but as a member of a larger community seeking to uphold the principles of equality, transparency, and ethical governance. I believe that through mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration, we can overcome the challenges before us.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
David Medeiros
ABI Resources, CEO, Director, Team Member
Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Support Provider.



The following list contains the entire submission submitted May 03, 2023 10:45:03am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	708051
Confirmation ID	707511

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Dear FOIA Agency Head, Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting information related to the Connecticut Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver 1 program and the involvement of Connecticut Community Care Inc. (CCC) Care Managers. Specifically, I am seeking answers to the following questions: What Medicaid service is being billed for ABI Waiver 1 consumers who receive services from CCC Care Managers? Is the billing code 1549P (Consultation Services for ABI Waiver 2) being used for ABI Waiver 1 programs? How many ABI Waiver 1 consumers are currently receiving services from Connecticut Community Care Inc? What is the total amount billed and paid to CCC for Care Management Services under ABI Waiver 1? Where does the funding for Care Management services for ABI Waiver 1 consumers come from? Are ABI Waiver 1 consumers receiving free Care Management services from CCC? Is the use of Care Management services in the ABI Waiver 1 program in violation of any protocols or regulations? I would appreciate receiving the requested information in electronic format. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	yes
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Explanation

Due to the urgency of this matter, I am formally requesting expedited processing of my FOIA request. I believe that this request meets the criteria for expedited processing as defined by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) because it involves a compelling need for the information that could affect the well-being of a significant number of ABI Waiver 1 consumers. The requested information is essential to understanding the funding and billing practices related to Care Management services for ABI Waiver 1 consumers, and potential violations of the waiver protocols may have immediate consequences for the individuals involved.

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Request

Request ID	719161
Confirmation ID	718616

Request description

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I am requesting access to or copies of records pertaining to the Connecticut Money Follows the Person (MFP) program, Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver programs 1 and 2, and specifically the Connecticut ABI 1549P Consultation Services Funding. Please consider the following specific inquiries: How does the Department of Social Services (DSS) facilitate the distribution of Connecticut ABI 1549P Consultation Services Funding? Does the DSS provide Medicaid consumer referrals to Connecticut Community Care Inc., or to any other providers under the ABI 1549P Consultation Services? What is the Department of Social Services' role in providing Medicaid consumer information to 1549P consulting services agency providers? How does Connecticut Community Care Inc. receive referrals for ABI 1549P consultation services? Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the funds allocated for the Connecticut ABI 1549P Consultation Services program for the past 5 years? What are the eligibility criteria for Medicaid consumers to be referred for ABI 1549P consultation services? How many Medicaid consumers have been referred to Connecticut Community Care Inc. for ABI 1549P consultation services in the past five years? What monitoring mechanisms are in place to ensure the appropriate usage of the ABI 1549P Consultation Services Funding? How are the providers for ABI 1549P consultation services selected or approved by the DSS? How is the effectiveness of the ABI 1549P Consultation Services measured and evaluated? What accountability measures are in place to ensure the appropriate distribution and usage of the ABI 1549P Consultation Services Funding? How does the DSS ensure the adequate distribution of funds between the MFP program, ABI Waiver programs 1 and 2, and the ABI 1549P Consultation Services? What process does Connecticut Community Care Inc. follow to request and receive ABI 1549P consultation service referrals from the DSS? What criteria are used by the DSS to determine the allocation of the ABI 1549P Consultation Services Funding to different providers? How are Medicaid consumers informed about the availability of the ABI 1549P consultation services? Thank you for considering my request. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	yes
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Explanation

Dear FOIA Officer, I am writing to request expedited processing of my recent FOIA request pertaining to the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program, Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver programs 1 and 2, and specifically the Connecticut ABI 1549P Consultation Services Funding. Given the time-sensitive nature of this request and its relevance to ongoing public debates about the administration of these programs, I believe that delay in access to these records could lead to substantial harm to the public's understanding of the issues at hand.

The following list contains the entire submission submitted June 01, 2023 12:00:03pm ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	737711
Confirmation ID	737151

Attention: FOIA Compliance Officer Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Dear FOIA Compliance Officer, Pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-200 et seq., I am requesting access to and copies of the following records: All communications, including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, reports, text messages, phone call logs, meeting notes and minutes, between Connecticut Community Care (CCC) and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), as well as the Community Options Unit (COU), pertaining to ABI Resources LLC. Please note that this request specifically excludes personally identifiable information about consumers of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program. To clarify, I am not seeking any records containing the names or other personal identifiers of these consumers, in accordance with privacy laws and regulations. If any document within this request falls within an exemption of the act, please provide the document with the necessary redactions along with the legal basis for each redaction. Furthermore, should there be fees associated with fulfilling this request, please inform me in advance of the estimated cost. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within four business days, as the statute requires.

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	yes
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The following list contains the entire submission submitted June 05, 2023 08:10:04am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	740916
Confirmation ID	740356

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to formally request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), specifically seeking contact information and position titles of all employees within the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and COU Community Options Unit who are involved in providing services related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and Money Follows the Person Programs. In particular, I kindly request the following details for each employee: Full Name: Please provide the full names of all employees involved in the provision of services for the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and Money Follows the Person Programs. Contact Information: Please provide the contact information for each employee, including their work email address and telephone number. Position Titles: Please include the job titles or positions held by each employee mentioned above. I am making this request in order to facilitate open communication and promote collaboration in matters related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and Money Follows the Person Programs. The information requested will assist me in establishing appropriate channels of communication for any relevant inquiries or discussions. To ensure a timely response, I kindly request that you provide the requested information in a digital format, preferably via email, within the timeframe specified by the Freedom of Information Act.

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	yes
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The following list contains the entire submission submitted July 05, 2023 01:45:03pm ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	772446
Confirmation ID	771886
Request description	Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Dear FOIA Request Officer, Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting information regarding the current leadership of the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS). Specifically, I am requesting the name and title of the current Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Social Services. Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward to receiving the requested information within the statutory period.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing yes

The following list contains the entire submission submitted August 24, 2023 10:30:04am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	829236
Confirmation ID	828656

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting access to and copies of records from your office. Specifically, I seek records regarding: a) All complaints submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, related to the Connecticut Medicaid ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) Waiver Program over the past five years. b) All complaints submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, in relation to the Money Follows the Person program in Connecticut over the past five years. c) The results and detailed outcomes of each of these complaints. If any of the requested records contain exempt information, please redact that information and provide me with the remaining, non-exempt information. Please inform me of any fees in advance of fulfilling my request. If possible, I would like to receive the records in electronic format. If my request is denied in whole or in part, or specific items within the records are denied, please justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. Notify me of appeal procedures available under the law. I would appreciate a response in writing within the 20 business days, as specified by the Act, confirming receipt of this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	yes
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Explanation

Justification for expedited processing I am writing to formally request expedited processing for my Freedom of Information Act request. I believe that my request meets the criteria for expedited processing due to the compelling reasons outlined below: a) Urgency to Inform the Public: The requested information is urgently need in order to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity. Delay in processing this request could deprive the public of vital information at a crucial time. b) Imminent Threat to Life or Physical Safety: Delay in processing this request could compromise the safety an well-being of individuals with compromised health and living conditions. c) Loss of Substantial Due Process Rights: Immediate processing is necessary to ensure that I, or other affected parties, do not lose substantial rights. This information will be used for an upcoming hearing or decision-making process that would be impacted by a delay. Expiry of a Fixed Period: The matter at hand is time-sensitive due to an upcoming le deadline and/or an event which the requested information pertains to. A delay could result in missed opportunities or significant complications. Given the aforementioned reasons, I believe that the standard processing time would jeopardize the value and relevance of the information or action I seek. I kindly urge you to consider this request for expedited processing and acknowledge the immediate nature of my application/reque Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I appreciate your prompt consideration of my request. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources

The following list contains the entire submission submitted September 20, 2023 08:20:08am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	868676
Confirmation ID	868096

FOIA Request pertaining to information from; U.S. Department of Labor Office of the Secretary Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services 200 Constitution Ave NW, Room N-2420 Washington, DC 20210 Connecticut Department of Labor FOIA Administrator 200 Folly Brook Boulevard Wethersfield, CT 06109 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.), I hereby request access to and copies of all complaints received by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Connecticut Department of Labor pertaining to "The Supported Living Group" located at 113 School St, Danielson, CT 06239, from 2000 to the present. Please include all pertinent records, correspondence, notes, memos, emails, or other documentation that relate to these complaints. The disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government. If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you believe justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available under the law. If you need clarification or if this request can be narrowed, I would appreciate your contact as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance. David Medeiros ABI Resources

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	no
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The following list contains the entire submission submitted September 26, 2023 07:10:02am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	875061
Confirmation ID	874481

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Communications Pertaining to Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money Follows the Person Program Department of Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services / Connecticut Department of Social Services / and the Community Options Unit, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of ABI Resources LLC to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.). Request Details: We formally request access to, and copies of, all email communications, including attachments, sent to and from the Connecticut Department of Social Services, the Connecticut Community Options Unit, the Connecticut DSS Commissioners as well as emails to and from Ms. Amy Dumont COU DSS representative, related to the federal Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and the Money Follows the Person Program. Specific Email Addresses: AABIWR@live.com ABI@ctbraininjury.com David.M@ctbraininjury.com Timeframe: From January 1, 2013, to the present date. Objective: Our objective is to obtain a comprehensive understanding of all communications, dialogues, discussions, and information exchanged relating to the aforementioned programs. Format: We prefer to receive the requested documents in electronic format to facilitate access and review. Please send the documents via email to the following addresses: Aabiwr@live.com Conclusion: We understand the obligations and constraints of your office and appreciate your attention to this request. We look forward to your prompt response, and, as stipulated by statute, we hope to receive the requested records within the legal time frame. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. We anticipate your expedient disclosure of the requested documents. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources LLC

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing

no

The following list contains the entire submission submitted September 29, 2023 03:00:02pm ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	882071
Confirmation ID	881491

Request description

Freedom of Information Act Request Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244 Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Agency Providers Information and Service Spending Financial Breakdown Dear FOIA Officer, I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I am seeking records, documents, and other pertinent information related to agency providers, service details, and financial breakdowns for the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, for the time period spanning the last seven years up to the present day. Below are the specific details of the information I am requesting:

1. Agency Providers Information:
 - a. A list of all Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program agency providers.
 - b. Detailed contact information for each agency provider, including but not limited to names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers.
2. Program Consumer Numbers:
 - a. The exact number of Medicaid program consumers each listed entity serves.
3. Service Details:
 - a. A comprehensive list of all services provided by the Connecticut ABI Waiver Program.
 - b. Specific details of each service, including the nature and scope of the services provided.
4. Financial Breakdown:
 - a. Detailed financial information representing a breakdown of all paid money for each Medicaid provider service.
 - b. Any and all financial records related to the payments made to the agency providers, including invoices, transaction details, and payment summaries.

Time Frame: a. This request covers records from the last seven years up to the present day. Format: Please provide the information in electronic format, preferably as email attachments or via a secure online portal. Expedited Processing: I request expedited processing of this request as the information sought is urgently needed to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information. Sincerely, David Medeiros

Supporting documentation

Fees	
Fee waiver	no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	yes
Explanation	Expedited Processing: I request expedited processing of this request as the information sought is urgently needed to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 7:40 AM
To: CMS FOIA Request
CC: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365
Subject: 01.03.2024 FOIA Jennifer Zakrzewsk Freedom of Information Act Expedited Processing Requested Fre...

Date: 01.02.2024

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested
Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act – Jennifer Zakrzewsk's
jennifer.zakrzewski@ct.gov

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am submitting this request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., to obtain records pertaining to Jennifer Zakrzewsk's role and activities within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program, David Medeiros and ABI Resources. This request is made with the utmost seriousness and urgency to obtain comprehensive records concerning Jennifer Zakrzewsk's involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program, and any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation. I am writing to submit a request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. As a brain injury survivor, stroke survivor, and founder of ABI Resources, a company providing disability support services.

Expedited Processing Request:

The nature of this request is critical due to its direct connection with the legal case (David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220) and the Whistleblower Comprehensive Grievance reports concerning the ABI Waiver Program. Given these circumstances, I am requesting expedited processing.

Specific Information Requested:

To gain a thorough understanding of Ms. Zakrzewsk's involvement in the program, I request the following:

All legal cases, including lawsuits or administrative proceedings, relating to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within these programs. Complete records detailing Ms. Zakrzewsk's employment, roles, and responsibilities within the ABI Waiver Program as well as CHRO civil rights.

All written communications, including emails and memos, involving Ms. Zakrzewsk related to the program's operations.

Records of meetings, including minutes and notes, with Ms. Zakrzewsk's participation, pertinent to the program.

Reports, audits, or evaluations involving Ms. Zakrzewsk in the context of the program.

Records of Reports of any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or

whistleblower retaliation.

From the first date of employment to the present day.

All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints.

This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs

The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas.

I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following

- Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365
- 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights.

Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

Under the FOIA, there is a provision for expedited processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. While there may not be an immediate physical threat in my case, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, essential for my wellbeing and that of others relying on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, recognizing these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

Should any part of my request be denied, I ask for a justification for all deletions by

reference to specific exemptions of the Act and expect the release of all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information or deny a waiver of fees.

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections pertaining to these state-managed programs.

- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program
- Alzheimer's Respite Care Program
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD
- Birth to Three
- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare

Beneficiaries

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Community First Choice
- Community Options
- Connect-Ability
- Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)
- Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program
- Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders
- Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative
- Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids
- Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
- CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Disability Services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
- Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Fatherhood Initiative of CT
- Grandparents As Parents
- Housing Options for Seniors
- Human Services Infrastructure
- HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Jobs First
- Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS

- Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)
- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement
- Medicare Savings Program
- Money Follows the Person
- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Nutrition Assistance Programs
- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
- Refugee Assistance Program
- School Based Child Health (SBCH)
- Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission
- Social Work Services
- State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Family Assistance - TFA
- The Personal Care Attendant Program
- Welfare to Work (Department of Labor)
- Women Infants and Children – WIC

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections.

Documentation from Federal and State Department Executives and Associated staff:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton
- Reeves
- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy
 - U.S. House Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes
 - Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont
 - Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
 - Secretary of State Denise Merrill
 - Attorney General William Tong
 - State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
 - State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
 - State Auditors John Geragosian and Rob Kane
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra
 - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita
- Brooks-LaSure
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney General Merrick Garland
 - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chair Charlotte A.
- Burrows
- Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner
 - Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS Acting Director Melanie Fontes Rainer
 - The Department of Labor DOL

- Government Accountability Office GAO
- Connecticut General Assembly CGA

Connecticut State Senate

- John Fonfara - District 1, Democratic
- Douglas McCrory - District 2, Democratic
- Saud Anwar - District 3, Democratic
- MD Rahman - District 4, Democratic
- Derek Slap - District 5, Democratic
- Rick Lopes - District 6, Democratic
- John Kissel - District 7, Republican
- Lisa Seminara - District 8, Republican
- Matthew L. Lesser - District 9, Democratic
- Gary Winfield - District 10, Democratic
- Martin Looney - District 11, Democratic
- Christine Cohen - District 12, Democratic
- Jan Hochadel - District 13, Democratic
- James Maroney - District 14, Democratic
- Joan Hartley - District 15, Democratic
- Robert C. Sampson - District 16, Republican
- Jorge Cabrera - District 17, Democratic
- Heather Somers - District 18, Republican
- Catherine Osten - District 19, Democratic
- Martha Marx - District 20, Democratic
- Kevin C. Kelly - District 21, Republican
- Marilyn Moore - District 22, Democratic
- Herron Gaston - District 23, Democratic
- Julie Kushner - District 24, Democratic
- Bob Duff - District 25, Democratic
- Ceci Maher - District 26, Democratic
- Patricia Miller - District 27, Democratic
- Tony Hwang - District 28, Republican
- Mae Flexer - District 29, Democratic
- Stephen Harding, Jr. - District 30, Republican
- Henri Martin - District 31, Republican
- Eric Berthel - District 32, Republican
- Norm Needleman - District 33, Democratic
- Paul Cicarella, Jr. - District 34, Republican
- Jeff Gordon - District 35, Republican
- Ryan Fazio - District 36, Republican【23†source】.
- Connecticut House of Representatives
- Matthew Ritter - District 1, Democratic
- Raghib Allie-Brennan - District 2, Democratic
- Minnie Gonzalez - District 3, Democratic
- Julio Concepcion - District 4, Democratic
- Maryam Khan - District 5, Democratic
- James B. Sánchez - District 6, Democratic

- Joshua Malik Hall - District 7, Democratic
- Tim Ackert - District 8, Republican
- Jason Rojas - District 9, Democratic
- Henry Genga - District 10, Democratic
- Jeffrey Currey - District 11, Democratic
- Geoff Luxenberg - District 12, Democratic
- Jason Doucette - District 13, Democratic
- Tom Delnicki - District 14, Republican
- Bobby Gibson - District 15, Democratic
- Melissa E. Osborne - District 16, Democratic
- Eleni Kavros DeGraw - District 17, Democratic
- Jillian Gilchrest - District 18, Democratic
- Tammy Exum - District 19, Democratic
- Kate Farrar - District 20, Democratic
- Mike Demicco - District 21, Democratic
- Francis Rexford Cooley - District 22, Republican
- Devin Carney - District 23, Republican
- Manny Sanchez - District 24, Democratic
- Bobby Sanchez - District 25, Democratic
- Peter Tercyak - District 26, Democratic
- Gary Turco - District 27, Democratic
- Amy Morrin Bello - District 28, Democratic
- Kerry Szeps Wood - District 29, Democratic
- Donna Veach - District 30, Republican
- Jill Barry - District 31, Democratic
- Christie Carpino - District 32, Republican
- Brandon Chafee - District 33, Democratic
- Irene Haines - District 34, Republican
- Chris Aniskovich - District 35, Republican
- Christine Palm - District 36, Democratic
- Holly Cheeseman - District 37, Republican
- Kathleen McCarty - District 38, Republican
- Anthony Nolan - District 39, Democratic
- Christine Conley - District 40, Democratic
- Aundré Bumgardner - District 41, Democratic
- Keith Denning - District 42, Democratic
- Greg Howard - District 43, Republican
- Anne Dauphinais - District 44, Republican
- Brian Lanoue - District 45, Republican
- Derell Wilson - District 46, Democratic
- Doug Dubitsky - District 47, Republican
- Mark DeCaprio - District 48, Republican
- Susan Johnson - District 49, Democratic
- Pat Boyd - District 50, Democratic
- Ricky Hayes - District 51, Republican
- Kurt Vail - District 52, Republican

- Tammy Nuccio - District 53, Republican
- Gregory Haddad - District 54, Democratic
- Steve Weir - District 55, Republican
- Kevin Brown - District 56, Democratic
- Jaime Foster - District 57, Democratic
- Tom Arnone - District 58, Democratic
- Carol Hall - District 59, Republican
- Jane Garibay - District 60, Democratic
- Tami Zawistowski - District 61, Republican
- Mark Anderson - District 62, Republican
- Jay Case - District 63, Republican
- Maria Horn - District 64, Democratic
- Michelle Cook - District 65, Democratic
- Karen Reddington-Hughes - District 66, Republican
- William Buckbee - District 67, Republican
- Joe Polletta - District 68, Republican
- Cindy Harrison - District 69, Republican
- Seth Bronko - District 70, Republican
- William Pizzuto - District 71, Republican
- Larry Butler - District 72, Democratic
- Ronald Napoli Jr. - District 73, Democratic
- Michael DiGiovancarlo - District 74, Democratic
- Geraldo Reyes - District 75, Democratic
- John Piscopo - District 76, Republican
- Cara Pavalock-D'Amato - District 77, Republican
- Joe Hoxha - District 78, Republican
- Mary Fortier - District 79, Democratic
- Gale Mastrofrancesco - District 80, Republican
- Christopher Poulos - District 81, Democratic
- Michael Quinn - District 82, Democratic
- Jonathan Fazzino - District 83, Democratic
- Hilda Santiago - District 84, Democratic
- Mary Mushinsky - District 85, Democratic
- Vincent Candelora - District 86, Republican
- Dave Yaccarino Sr. - District 87, Republican
- Joshua Elliott - District 88, Democratic
- Lezlye Zupkus - District 89, Republican
- Craig Fishbein - District 90, Republican
- Michael D'Agostino - District 91, Democratic
- Patricia Dillon - District 92, Democratic
- Toni Walker - District 93, Democratic
- Robyn Porter - District 94, Democratic
- Juan Candelaria - District 95, Democratic
- Roland J. Lemar - District 96, Democratic
- Alphonse Paolillo - District 97, Democratic
- Moira Rader - District 98, Democratic

- Joseph Zullo - District 99, Republican
- Kai Juanna Belton - District 100, Democratic
- John-Michael Parker - District 101, Democratic
- Robin Comey - District 102, Democratic
- Liz Linehan - District 103, Democratic
- Kara Rochelle - District 104, Democratic
- Nicole Klarides-Ditria - District 105, Republican
- Mitch Bolinsky - District 106, Republican
- Marty Foncello - District 107, Republican
- Pat Callahan - District 108, Republican
- Farley Santos - District 109, Democratic
- Bob Godfrey - District 110, Democratic
- Aimee Berger-Girvalo - District 111, Democratic
- Tony Scott - District 112, Republican
- Jason Perillo - District 113, Republican
- Mary Welander - District 114, Democratic
- Vacant - District 115
- Treneé McGee - District 116, Democratic
- Charles Ferraro - District 117, Republican
- Frank Smith - District 118, Democratic
- Kathy Kennedy - District 119, Republican
- Laura Dancho - District 120, Republican
- Joe Gresko - District 121, Democratic
- Ben McGorty - District 122, Republican
- David Rutigliano - District 123, Republican
- Andre Baker - District 124, Democratic
- Tom O'Dea - District 125, Republican
- Fred Gee Jr. - District 126, Democratic
- Marcus Brown - District 127, Democratic
- Christopher Rosario - District 128, Democratic
- Steven Stafstrom - District 129, Democratic
- Antonio Felipe - District 130, Democratic
- David Labriola - District 131, Republican
- Jennifer Leeper - District 132, Democratic
- Cristin Vahey - District 133, Democratic
- Sarah Keitt - District 134, Democratic
- Anne Hughes - District 135, Democratic
- Jonathan Steinberg - District 136, Democratic
- Kadeem Roberts - District 137, Democratic
- Rachel Chaleski - District 138, Republican
- Kevin Ryan - District 139, Democratic
- Travis Simms - District 140, Democratic
- Tracy Marra - District 141, Republican
- Lucy Dathan - District 142, Democratic
- Dominique Johnson - District 143, Democratic
- Hubert Delany - District 144, Democratic

- Corey Paris - District 145, Democratic
- David Michel - District 146, Democratic
- Matt Blumenthal - District 147, Democratic
- Anabel Figueroa - District 148, Democratic
- Rachel Khanna - District 149, Democratic
- Steve Meskers - District 150, Democratic
- Hector Arzeno - District 151, Democratic

As well as communication with recognized esteemed organizations.
National and International Organizations:

- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Disabled in Action (DIA)
- Equip for Equality
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

National Whistleblower / Retaliation Advocates

- Government Accountability Project (GAP)
- The Whistleblower Project
- ExposeFacts
- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- National Whistleblower Center
- Project On Government Oversight (POGO)
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Whistleblower Aid

News Media Outlets and Journalists:

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post The Associated Press (AP), ProPublica, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio (NPR) Reuters, CNN, BuzzFeed News, VICE News, Fox News, NBC, MSNBC etc.

Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances:

As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, my condition necessitates prompt access to the requested information. The nature of my disabilities can sometimes impose barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is not just a matter of legal right but also a critical component of my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

The potential delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my ability to effectively advocate for myself and others in similar situations. The information requested is crucial for ensuring that rights are not just upheld but actively protected, particularly in the context of disability support and advocacy.

Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the person requesting the information demonstrates a compelling need. According to the FOIA, a compelling need is defined as a situation where failure to obtain the requested records could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. In my case, while there may not be an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, which are essential for my wellbeing and that of others who rely on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I kindly request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, in recognition of these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated and would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Communication Accommodations:

Due to my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I find electronic forms of communication are more effective for my full participation and understanding. These methods allow me to better process, comprehend, and reference the details of our interactions. I kindly request that all communications regarding this FOIA request, including any acknowledgments, updates, or responses, be directed to me via email or written correspondence.

Your cooperation in this regard is not only a legal compliance matter but also an acknowledgment of the accommodations necessary for effective communication and information access.

A prompt and detailed response to this request is essential for the transparent and accountable functioning of the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Your attention to this matter will significantly contribute to ongoing advocacy self advocacy efforts and policy analysis in this critical area of public health and disability support.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider
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The following list contains the entire submission submitted October 17, 2023 07:20:02am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	900126
Confirmation ID	899546

I am writing to request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding the total payments made to The Supported Living Group through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs from 2013 to the present day. Specifically, I am interested in obtaining financial data detailing the annual disbursements to The Supported Living Group for each of the following years: 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 The Supported Living Group is a Medicaid provider operating within the state of Connecticut, and I am seeking information to better understand the financial relationships between this organization and the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs. Please provide any documents, records, reports, or other relevant information that pertains to the payments made to The Supported Living Group for the specified years. This information could include, but is not limited to, financial statements, invoices, payment logs, contracts, and any other documents that outline the financial transactions between The Supported Living Group and Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs. If any part of my request is denied, please provide a written explanation of the specific exemptions under which the information is withheld. I kindly request accommodations due to my disability. To facilitate my accessibility and participation, I would greatly appreciate the use of electronic records. Your support in this matter is highly valued. Thank you for your understanding and assistance. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	other
Fee waiver	no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	no
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Request

Request ID	913101
Confirmation ID	912516

Request description

10/23/2023 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding CMS Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and Consumer Compensation. Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS and Community Options Unit COU Office of the Commissioner 55 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06105 RE: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to request access to and a copy of all records related to the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, specifically focusing on the involvement of the Supported Living Group Executive Office of Danielson: 113 School St, Danielson, CT 06239 and any compensation provided to consumers for participating in medicaid ABI Waiver services. To assist in locating the information, I am seeking answers to the following questions: Are consumers under the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program paid or compensated in any way for participating in services provided by the Supported Living Group or affiliates? If so, could you provide details on the nature and structure of this compensation, including: a. Amounts of compensation b. Frequency of payments c. Criteria for eligibility for compensation d. Funding sources for the compensation e. Any limitations or conditions attached to the compensation Have there been any complaints, investigations, or audits related to the payment or compensation of consumers participating in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program through the Supported Living Group? If so, what were the outcomes of these inquiries? Are there any policies, guidelines, or regulations that govern the payment or compensation of consumers within the ABI Waiver Program, specifically in relation to services provided by the Supported Living Group? How is the integrity and proper administration of consumer compensation within the ABI Waiver Program ensured, and what safeguards are in place to prevent misuse or misallocation of funds? I kindly request accommodations due to my disability. To facilitate my accessibility and participation, I would greatly appreciate the use of electronic records. Your support in this matter is highly valued. Thank you for your understanding and assistance. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	no
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Request

Request ID	913141
Confirmation ID	912556

Request description

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – CMS Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and Connecticut Community Care Referrals Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Pertaining to Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Dear Freedom of Information Officer, I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq. I am seeking information related to the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, specifically concerning Connecticut Community Care's referral practices and any potential financial incentives provided to consumers for participating in services offered by the Supported Living Group. Please provide the following information: All records, communications, and documents pertaining to Connecticut Community Care's referral practices under the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program from January 1, 2019, to the present date. Any contracts, agreements, or MOUs between Connecticut Community Care and the Supported Living Group related to the ABI Waiver Program, including details on financial arrangements and incentives. Documentation of any payments, incentives, or benefits provided to consumers by the Supported Living Group as a result of their participation in services under the ABI Waiver Program. Policies, guidelines, or internal memos detailing the criteria and process for Connecticut Community Care's referrals to the Supported Living Group under the ABI Waiver Program. Records of any complaints, investigations, or audits concerning Connecticut Community Care's referral practices or the Supported Living Group's incentive programs related to the ABI Waiver Program. Correspondence between the State of Connecticut and Connecticut Community Care or the Supported Living Group regarding the ABI Waiver Program, referrals, and consumer incentives. Any evaluations, reports, or studies conducted by or on behalf of the State of Connecticut concerning the effectiveness, integrity, and compliance of the ABI Waiver Program, particularly in relation to referrals and consumer incentives. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I kindly request accommodations due to my disability. To facilitate my accessibility and participation, I would greatly appreciate the use of electronic records. Your support in this matter is highly valued. Thank you for your understanding and assistance. Sincerely, David Medeiros ABI Resources

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	no
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The following list contains the entire submission submitted November 19, 2023 08:40:02am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	955391
Confirmation ID	954806

Request description

**** 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act Request
GOV FOIA To Whom It May Concern at the
Department of Justice (DOJ), Health and Human
Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services (CMS), and Relevant Connecticut State
Departments: I am writing to request records under the
Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). This
request is focused on documents and information
related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
Waiver Programs 1 and 2, specifically targeting
grievances, complaints, and associated government
responses or investigations. Specifically, I am
requesting from each agency: All Documents and
Correspondence: Any and all documents, emails,
memos, and correspondences related to grievances and
complaints concerning the Medicaid ABI Waiver
Programs 1 and 2. Financial Audits and Reviews:
Complete financial audits, reviews, and any related
documents concerning these programs, with an
emphasis on financial integrity and potential kickback
schemes. Policies and Procedures: Copies of all current
and past policies, procedures, and guidelines governing
the operation of Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and
2, particularly in relation to care management and
provider selection. Provider Directories and
Information: The most recent and any past versions of
provider directories for these programs, including any
information previously not disclosed publicly. Service
and Intervention Plans: All service and intervention
plans related to Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and
2. Investigation Reports and Findings: Any reports,
findings, or documents resulting from investigations
conducted in relation to these programs.
Communication Records: Records of all
communications regarding Medicaid ABI Waiver
Programs 1 and 2, specifically relating to the filed
grievances and complaints. Reference to Attached
Documents: Please refer to the attached documents for
specific instances and details relevant to this request.
Rationale for Request: This information is requested in
the public interest to understand the operation,
management, and legality of services provided under
Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2, and to ensure
compliance with legal and ethical standards. Disability
Accommodation Request: Due to a disability, I request
that the information be provided in an electronic format
to facilitate accessibility. Contact Information for
FOIA Officer: For effective communication, please
provide the name and contact information of the FOIA
officer handling this request at each agency.
Anticipated Exemptions: Should any part of the
requested documents be exempt from disclosure, I seek
a comprehensive written explanation for each

Supporting documentation

Additional Information

Binder1 Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Complaints
Requests 11.19.2023 36 pages .pdf

Fees

Fee waiver

no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing

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The following list contains the entire submission submitted December 18, 2023 08:30:03am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	992221
Confirmation ID	991636

12.18.2023 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request for CMS HHS records. Dear Freedom of Information Officer, Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request detailed records related to the stop of companion authorizations within the Connecticut Departments of Social Services systems for consumers under the Medicaid ABI Waiver program after December 31st, 2023 serviced by ABI Resources. This request specifically seeks to uncover: Records of the decision-making process and rationale. Records of the individuals and departments involved in this decision. Records of the timeline of events leading to this decision. Records of directives or communications instructing the implementation of this change. Records of corrective actions and resolutions. Expedited Processing Request: In light of the legal case David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220, I request expedited processing as this information is urgently needed for public knowledge on this significant matter. Format of Records: Due to my disability, please provide all records in an accessible electronic format, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Unique Nature of Request: This request is unique due to its comprehensive scope and relevance to ongoing public and legal discussions. Contact Information of FOIA Officer: Please provide the contact details of the FOIA officer responsible for handling this request. If any part of this request is denied, I request that you cite the specific exemptions and provide appeal procedures under the law. Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent and significant matter.

Request description

Supporting documentation

Additional Information

12.17.2023 Binder Comprehensive FOIA Request for Records on Disability Rights and Whistleblower Protections .pdf

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

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Explanation

• The legal case of David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220.' • Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365 These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of disability rights and whistleblower protections.

The following list contains the entire submission submitted December 21, 2023 02:40:02pm ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	996566
Confirmation ID	995981

Request description

12.21.2023 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Urgent FOIA Request for Records: David Medeiros & ABI Resources - Legal Case and Public Interest Matters Dear Freedom of Information Officer, I, David Medeiros, in my capacity as the founder and owner of ABI Resources and as an individual living with a brain injury and a stroke survivor, hereby submit this request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). 1. Description of Records: I request a comprehensive list and copies of all Freedom of Information Act requests submitted by myself, David Medeiros, and/or ABI Resources to any department of the government. I am requesting expedited processing of the records for my FOIA requests based on the criteria set forth in the FOIA guidelines, which allow for such processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. a. Compelling Need for Urgency: This request is directly related to the ongoing legal case, David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220. The timely processing of this request is crucial as the information sought is urgently needed for ongoing legal proceedings that are of immediate public interest. This case holds significant implications for civil rights, disability advocacy, and whistleblower protections – matters that are of acute public concern. b. Public Interest: The information requested is not just for my personal use but is intended to inform public understanding of operations or activities of the government, particularly in the areas of civil rights, disability support, and whistleblower retaliation law. As a public figure in these domains and a business owner providing disability support services, the information will assist in my advocacy efforts and contribute to the public's understanding of government actions in these critical areas. c. Personal Circumstances: Additionally, my personal circumstances as an individual living with a brain injury and a stroke survivor underscore the urgency of this request. The information sought is vital for my ongoing advocacy and legal efforts, directly impacting my ability to effectively operate within these realms. Given these factors, I respectfully request that this FOIA request be processed on an expedited basis. The urgency and public interest involved justify this request for expedited processing. 2. Expedited Processing Request: In relation to the ongoing legal case, David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220, I request expedited processing. The information sought is of public interest and urgently needed for ongoing legal proceedings and public discourse, especially concerning whistleblower retaliation and disability rights advocacy. 3. Format of

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver	no
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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	yes
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Explanation

I am requesting expedited processing of the records for my FOIA requests based on the criteria set forth in the FOIA guidelines, which allow for such processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need.

a. **Compelling Need for Urgency:** This request is directly related to the ongoing legal case, *David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services*, CHRO No. 2410220. The timely processing of this request is crucial as the information sought is urgently needed for ongoing legal proceedings that are of immediate public interest. This case holds significant implications for civil rights, disability advocacy, and whistleblower protections – matters that are of acute public concern.

b. **Public Interest:** The information requested is not just for my personal use but is intended to inform public understanding of operations or activities of the government, particularly in the areas of civil rights, disability support, and whistleblower retaliation law. As a public figure in these domains and a business owner providing disability support services, the information will assist in my advocacy efforts and contribute to the public's understanding of government actions in these critical areas.

c. **Personal Circumstances:** Additionally, my personal circumstances as an individual living with a brain injury and a stroke survivor underscore the urgency of this request. The information sought is vital for my ongoing advocacy and legal efforts, directly impacting my ability to effectively operate within these realms. Given these factors, I respectfully request that this FOIA request be processed on an expedited basis. The urgency and public interest involved justify this request for expedited processing.

2. **Expedited Processing Request:** In relation to the ongoing legal case, *David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services*, CHRO No. 2410220, I request expedited processing. The information sought is of public interest and urgently needed for ongoing legal proceedings and public discourse, especially concerning whistleblower retaliation and disability rights advocacy.



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Date: 12/26/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing
Requested

I am writing to submit a request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. As a brain injury survivor, stroke survivor, and founder of ABI Resources, a company providing disability support services.

The purpose of this request is to obtain records pertaining to:

- **All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints.**
- **Any legal cases, including lawsuits or administrative proceedings, relating to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within these programs.**

This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs

The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within

these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas.

I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following

- Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365
- 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights.

Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

Under the FOIA, there is a provision for expedited processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. While there may not be an immediate physical threat in my case, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, essential for my wellbeing and that of others relying on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, recognizing these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would

support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

Should any part of my request be denied, I ask for a justification for all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act and expect the release of all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information or deny a waiver of fees.

I anticipate your prompt response to this request within four business days, as specified by the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act.

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections pertaining to these state-managed programs.

- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program
- Alzheimer's Respite Care Program
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD
- Birth to Three
- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare Beneficiaries
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Community First Choice
- Community Options
- Connect-Ability
- Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)
- Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

- Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders
- Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative
- Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids
- Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
- CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Disability Services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
- Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Fatherhood Initiative of CT
- Grandparents As Parents
- Housing Options for Seniors
- Human Services Infrastructure
- HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Jobs First
- Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS
- Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)
- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement
- Medicare Savings Program
- Money Follows the Person
- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Nutrition Assistance Programs
- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
- Refugee Assistance Program

- School Based Child Health (SBCH)
- Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission
- Social Work Services
- State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Family Assistance - TFA
- The Personal Care Attendant Program
- Welfare to Work (Department of Labor)
- Women Infants and Children – WIC

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections.

Documentation from Federal and State Department Executives and Associated staff:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves
- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy
- U.S. House Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes
- Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont
- Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
- Secretary of State Denise Merrill
- Attorney General William Tong
- State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
- State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
- State Auditors John Geragosian and Rob Kane
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney General Merrick Garland
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chair Charlotte A. Burrows
- Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner
- Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS Acting Director Melanie Fontes Rainer
- The Department of Labor DOL
- Government Accountability Office GAO
- Connecticut General Assembly CGA

Connecticut State Senate

- John Fonfara - District 1, Democratic
- Douglas McCrory - District 2, Democratic
- Saud Anwar - District 3, Democratic
- MD Rahman - District 4, Democratic

- Derek Slap - District 5, Democratic
- Rick Lopes - District 6, Democratic
- John Kissel - District 7, Republican
- Lisa Seminara - District 8, Republican
- Matthew L. Lesser - District 9, Democratic
- Gary Winfield - District 10, Democratic
- Martin Looney - District 11, Democratic
- Christine Cohen - District 12, Democratic
- Jan Hochadel - District 13, Democratic
- James Maroney - District 14, Democratic
- Joan Hartley - District 15, Democratic
- Robert C. Sampson - District 16, Republican
- Jorge Cabrera - District 17, Democratic
- Heather Somers - District 18, Republican
- Catherine Osten - District 19, Democratic
- Martha Marx - District 20, Democratic
- Kevin C. Kelly - District 21, Republican
- Marilyn Moore - District 22, Democratic
- Herron Gaston - District 23, Democratic
- Julie Kushner - District 24, Democratic
- Bob Duff - District 25, Democratic
- Ceci Maher - District 26, Democratic
- Patricia Miller - District 27, Democratic
- Tony Hwang - District 28, Republican
- Mae Flexer - District 29, Democratic
- Stephen Harding, Jr. - District 30, Republican
- Henri Martin - District 31, Republican
- Eric Berthel - District 32, Republican
- Norm Needleman - District 33, Democratic
- Paul Cicarella, Jr. - District 34, Republican
- Jeff Gordon - District 35, Republican
- Ryan Fazio - District 36, Republican 【23†source】 .
- Connecticut House of Representatives
- Matthew Ritter - District 1, Democratic
- Raghib Allie-Brennan - District 2, Democratic
- Minnie Gonzalez - District 3, Democratic
- Julio Concepcion - District 4, Democratic
- Maryam Khan - District 5, Democratic
- James B. Sánchez - District 6, Democratic
- Joshua Malik Hall - District 7, Democratic
- Tim Ackert - District 8, Republican
- Jason Rojas - District 9, Democratic
- Henry Genga - District 10, Democratic
- Jeffrey Currey - District 11, Democratic
- Geoff Luxenberg - District 12, Democratic
- Jason Doucette - District 13, Democratic
- Tom Delnicki - District 14, Republican
- Bobby Gibson - District 15, Democratic
- Melissa E. Osborne - District 16, Democratic
- Eleni Kavros DeGraw - District 17, Democratic
- Jillian Gilchrest - District 18, Democratic
- Tammy Exum - District 19, Democratic
- Kate Farrar - District 20, Democratic
- Mike Demicco - District 21, Democratic

- Francis Rexford Cooley - District 22, Republican
- Devin Carney - District 23, Republican
- Manny Sanchez - District 24, Democratic
- Bobby Sanchez - District 25, Democratic
- Peter Tercyak - District 26, Democratic
- Gary Turco - District 27, Democratic
- Amy Morrin Bello - District 28, Democratic
- Kerry Szeps Wood - District 29, Democratic
- Donna Veach - District 30, Republican
- Jill Barry - District 31, Democratic
- Christie Carpino - District 32, Republican
- Brandon Chafee - District 33, Democratic
- Irene Haines - District 34, Republican
- Chris Aniskovich - District 35, Republican
- Christine Palm - District 36, Democratic
- Holly Cheeseman - District 37, Republican
- Kathleen McCarty - District 38, Republican
- Anthony Nolan - District 39, Democratic
- Christine Conley - District 40, Democratic
- André Bumgardner - District 41, Democratic
- Keith Denning - District 42, Democratic
- Greg Howard - District 43, Republican
- Anne Dauphinais - District 44, Republican
- Brian Lanoue - District 45, Republican
- Derell Wilson - District 46, Democratic
- Doug Dubitsky - District 47, Republican
- Mark DeCaprio - District 48, Republican
- Susan Johnson - District 49, Democratic
- Pat Boyd - District 50, Democratic
- Ricky Hayes - District 51, Republican
- Kurt Vail - District 52, Republican
- Tammy Nuccio - District 53, Republican
- Gregory Haddad - District 54, Democratic
- Steve Weir - District 55, Republican
- Kevin Brown - District 56, Democratic
- Jaime Foster - District 57, Democratic
- Tom Arnone - District 58, Democratic
- Carol Hall - District 59, Republican
- Jane Garibay - District 60, Democratic
- Tami Zawistowski - District 61, Republican
- Mark Anderson - District 62, Republican
- Jay Case - District 63, Republican
- Maria Horn - District 64, Democratic
- Michelle Cook - District 65, Democratic
- Karen Reddington-Hughes - District 66, Republican
- William Buckbee - District 67, Republican
- Joe Polletta - District 68, Republican
- Cindy Harrison - District 69, Republican
- Seth Bronko - District 70, Republican
- William Pizzuto - District 71, Republican
- Larry Butler - District 72, Democratic
- Ronald Napoli Jr. - District 73, Democratic
- Michael DiGiovancarlo - District 74, Democratic
- Geraldo Reyes - District 75, Democratic

- John Piscopo - District 76, Republican
- Cara Pavalock-D'Amato - District 77, Republican
- Joe Hoxha - District 78, Republican
- Mary Fortier - District 79, Democratic
- Gale Mastrofrancesco - District 80, Republican
- Christopher Poulos - District 81, Democratic
- Michael Quinn - District 82, Democratic
- Jonathan Fazzino - District 83, Democratic
- Hilda Santiago - District 84, Democratic
- Mary Mushinsky - District 85, Democratic
- Vincent Candelora - District 86, Republican
- Dave Yaccarino Sr. - District 87, Republican
- Joshua Elliott - District 88, Democratic
- Lezlye Zupkus - District 89, Republican
- Craig Fishbein - District 90, Republican
- Michael D'Agostino - District 91, Democratic
- Patricia Dillon - District 92, Democratic
- Toni Walker - District 93, Democratic
- Robyn Porter - District 94, Democratic
- Juan Candelaria - District 95, Democratic
- Roland J. Lemar - District 96, Democratic
- Alphonse Paolillo - District 97, Democratic
- Moira Rader - District 98, Democratic
- Joseph Zullo - District 99, Republican
- Kai Juanna Belton - District 100, Democratic
- John-Michael Parker - District 101, Democratic
- Robin Comey - District 102, Democratic
- Liz Linehan - District 103, Democratic
- Kara Rochelle - District 104, Democratic
- Nicole Klarides-Ditria - District 105, Republican
- Mitch Bolinsky - District 106, Republican
- Marty Foncello - District 107, Republican
- Pat Callahan - District 108, Republican
- Farley Santos - District 109, Democratic
- Bob Godfrey - District 110, Democratic
- Aimee Berger-Girvalo - District 111, Democratic
- Tony Scott - District 112, Republican
- Jason Perillo - District 113, Republican
- Mary Welander - District 114, Democratic
- Vacant - District 115
- Treneé McGee - District 116, Democratic
- Charles Ferraro - District 117, Republican
- Frank Smith - District 118, Democratic
- Kathy Kennedy - District 119, Republican
- Laura Dancho - District 120, Republican
- Joe Gresko - District 121, Democratic
- Ben McGorty - District 122, Republican
- David Rutigliano - District 123, Republican
- Andre Baker - District 124, Democratic
- Tom O'Dea - District 125, Republican
- Fred Gee Jr. - District 126, Democratic
- Marcus Brown - District 127, Democratic
- Christopher Rosario - District 128, Democratic
- Steven Stafstrom - District 129, Democratic

- Antonio Felipe - District 130, Democratic
- David Labriola - District 131, Republican
- Jennifer Leeper - District 132, Democratic
- Cristin Vahey - District 133, Democratic
- Sarah Keitt - District 134, Democratic
- Anne Hughes - District 135, Democratic
- Jonathan Steinberg - District 136, Democratic
- Kadeem Roberts - District 137, Democratic
- Rachel Chaleski - District 138, Republican
- Kevin Ryan - District 139, Democratic
- Travis Simms - District 140, Democratic
- Tracy Marra - District 141, Republican
- Lucy Dathan - District 142, Democratic
- Dominique Johnson - District 143, Democratic
- Hubert Delany - District 144, Democratic
- Corey Paris - District 145, Democratic
- David Michel - District 146, Democratic
- Matt Blumenthal - District 147, Democratic
- Anabel Figueroa - District 148, Democratic
- Rachel Khanna - District 149, Democratic
- Steve Meskers - District 150, Democratic
- Hector Arzeno - District 151, Democratic

As well as communication with recognized esteemed organizations.

National and International Organizations:

- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Disabled in Action (DIA)
- Equip for Equality
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

National Whistleblower / Retaliation Advocates

- Government Accountability Project (GAP)
- The Whistleblower Project
- ExposeFacts

- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- National Whistleblower Center
- Project On Government Oversight (POGO)
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Whistleblower Aid

News Media Outlets and Journalists:

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post The Associated Press (AP), ProPublica, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio (NPR) Reuters, CNN, BuzzFeed News, VICE News, Fox News, NBC, MSNBC etc.

Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances:

As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, my condition necessitates prompt access to the requested information. The nature of my disabilities can sometimes impose barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is not just a matter of legal right but also a critical component of my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

The potential delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my ability to effectively advocate for myself and others in similar situations. The information requested is crucial for ensuring that rights are not just upheld but actively protected, particularly in the context of disability support and advocacy.

Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the person requesting the information demonstrates a compelling need. According to the FOIA, a compelling need is defined as a situation where failure to obtain the requested records could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. In my case, while there may not be

an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, which are essential for my wellbeing and that of others who rely on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I kindly request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, in recognition of these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated and would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Communication Accommodations:

Due to my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I find electronic forms of communication are more effective for my full participation and understanding. These methods allow me to better process, comprehend, and reference the details of our interactions. I kindly request that all communications regarding this FOIA request, including any acknowledgments, updates, or responses, be directed to me via email or written correspondence.

Your prompt attention to and accommodation of my request will not only adhere to the legal framework but also support my ongoing commitment to advocating for human rights and improving the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program in Connecticut. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
David Medeiros
ABI Resources, CEO, Director, Team Member
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Support Provider.



The following list contains the entire submission submitted January 02, 2024 07:35:02am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	1004841
Confirmation ID	1004256

Request description

01.02.2024 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Dear FOIA officer, Under the Freedom of Information Act, I, David Medeiros, founder and owner of ABI Resources, hereby request access to all email communications pertaining to ABI Resources and/or David Medeiros sent or received by George Chamberlin, Beth A. Carangelo, Roderick Bremby, Kathy A. Bruni, Dorian Long, Amy E. Dumont, and the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services (olcrah.DSS@ct.gov) from the year 2013 to the present date. George.Chamberlin@ct.gov Beth.Carangelo@ct.gov roderick.bremby@ct.gov olcrah.DSS@ct.gov olcrah.DSS@ct.gov Kathy.a.Bruni@ct.gov dorian.long@ct.gov Amy.Dumont@ct.gov Expedited Processing Request: This request is in connection with the ongoing legal case, David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220. The expeditious processing of this request is critical as the information is urgently required for ongoing legal proceedings and holds substantial public interest, particularly in relation to whistleblower retaliation and disability rights advocacy. Compelling Need for Urgency: This case carries significant implications in the fields of civil rights, disability advocacy, and whistleblower protection, drawing acute public concern. As a public figure and business owner in the disability support sector, the requested information is vital for my advocacy efforts and the public's comprehension of governmental actions in these pivotal areas. Personal Circumstances: As an individual with a brain injury and a stroke survivor, my personal circumstances emphasize the urgency of this request, directly influencing my capacity to effectively navigate these fields. Format of Records: In line with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), I request that all records be furnished in an accessible electronic format. Contact Information Requirement: Please include names, official email addresses, and office phone numbers of each CT DSS social worker involved in the ABI waiver program during this period. Unique Nature of Request: This request is of significant relevance to ongoing public and legal discussions in civil rights, whistleblower protection, and disability advocacy. Contact Information for FOIA Officer: Kindly provide the contact details of the FOIA officer assigned to this request. Appeal Procedures: In the event of any denial of this request, please cite the specific exemptions that justify such a decision and furnish details of the appeal procedures as per the law. Your prompt attention to this matter is highly appreciated. I anticipate a swift response in accordance with FOIA guidelines. Thank

Supporting documentation

Fees

Fee waiver no

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing yes

Explanation

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From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 12:00 PM
To: CMS FOIA Request
Subject: 12.07.2023 Freedom of Information Act Request - CMS HHS Records
Pertaining to Dr. Michelle Brisma...

12.07.2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request - CMS HHS Records Pertaining to Dr.
Michelle Brisman, Ph.D.

Dear FOIA Compliance Officer,

Under the authority granted by the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I am requesting access to and copies of all CMS HHS records related to Dr. Michelle Brisman, Ph.D., a licensed Neuropsychologist (NPI Number: 1770663460, Medical License: 002344, CT), in relation to her involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 and 2, and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program.

1. Registration and Certification Records:

Please include all documentation pertaining to Dr. Michelle Brisman's registration, certification, and authorization for participation in the ABI Waiver Program 1 and 2, and the MFP Program.

2. Financial Records and Transactions:

A detailed account of all financial transactions, including the total number of consumers served by Dr. Brisman, itemized billing statements, and records of payments made for services rendered by her and any entities billing on her behalf.

3. Consumer Service Records:

Complete details of the services provided by Dr. Brisman, including the number of consumers served, nature of services, dates, times, locations, and the approval process for these services.

4. Oversight and Compliance Documentation:

All relevant records detailing oversight, verification processes, and compliance checks to ensure adherence to program guidelines by Dr. Brisman and associated entities.

5. Supplementary Records:

Any relevant reports, audits, policy documents, internal communications, complaints, grievances, and compliance reviews related to Dr. Brisman's professional activities within these programs.

6. Privacy and Confidentiality Adherence:

In compliance with FOIA guidelines, please redact any exempt portions of records, citing the specific statutory exemption applied.

7. ADA Compliance:

I request that all records be provided in an accessible electronic format, as per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

8. Unique Nature of Request:

This request is unique and should be treated as distinct from other FOIA requests.

9. Contact Information of FOIA Officer:

Kindly provide the contact details of the FOIA officer responsible for this request.

10. This request spans a period of the last seven years to the present day.

Your prompt and thorough attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

<[HTTPS://WWW.CTBRAININJURY.COM](https://www.ctbraininjury.com)>

The following list contains the entire submission submitted January 03, 2024 10:50:02am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Email	aabiwr@live.com

Request

Request ID	1006161
Confirmation ID	1005576

Document is attached Date: 01.02.2024 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act. ADA The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) The Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA) Dear FOIA Officer Appropriate Authority/Agency, I am writing to submit a formal request under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. As a brain injury survivor, stroke survivor, and founder of ABI Resources, a company dedicated to providing disability support services, I have a vested interest in ensuring the effectiveness and integrity of programs designed to aid individuals with disabilities. This request focuses on obtaining detailed records and communications regarding the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other state and federally funded programs for the disabled. Scope of Request: All Communications and Correspondences: Seeking detailed emails, memos, letters, and other communications between state employees and care management providers associated with Connecticut Community Care. Emphasis on communications relating to the Connecticut Department of Social Services and the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Activities and Involvement Records: Documentation of activities, roles, and involvement of all Connecticut government employees within the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, specifically highlighting my involvement as David Medeiros and ABI Resources. Justification and Context: Legal cases related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation. Roles and responsibilities within the ABI Waiver Program. Written communications about the program's operations. Records of meetings, reports, audits, or evaluations. Grievances and Complaints: All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints from 2014 to present. List of Contacts and Programs: (Elaborate on each individual and program, explaining their relevance to the request) Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances: As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, the nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities. The delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my advocacy efforts. Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. While there may not be an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely

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