

that the department already possesses these records and is equipped to handle electronic records as mandated by FOIA laws.

The situation reported at the CT DSS FOIA office raises concerns about potential hindrances to citizens' rights in obtaining information. This issue affects not only the timeliness but also potentially the quality of the responses to FOIA requests. As a citizen, it is my right to expect that requests, particularly those involving electronic records, are processed efficiently and in line with FOIA guidelines.

Therefore, it is crucial that the FOIA process is adhered to both in spirit and letter, ensuring that citizens' rights to information are not compromised due to administrative challenges. I urge the department to review its current resource allocation for handling FOIA requests to improve efficiency and compliance with the law.

B. Accommodation request for FOIA Report Numbers and Complete Reports

As a brain injury survivor, I may face certain challenges in accessing and comprehending information, and I again kindly request your accommodation in this matter. To ensure better organization and tracking of the requested information, I am seeking the following basic accommodations:

1. For better organization and tracking, I kindly request the specific accommodation FOIA report numbers and the DSS FOIA complete text response of each report pertaining to my request. Would the department please provide each complete FOIA request submitted along with the FOIA request report case number and any questions it may have? This would provide essential clarity and assist in accommodating and maintaining an accurate record of the proceedings.

C. ADA Compliance Issues

As a person with disabilities, I am particularly concerned about the accessibility and responsiveness of CT DSS to my requests. The lack of basic accommodations in processing these requests is not only a breach of the ADA but also impedes my ability to engage in effective advocacy.

1. FOIA Report Numbers: I request that the department provide me with the FOIA report case numbers for each of my previous FOIA requests. This will help me accurately identify and reference each request.
2. Complete FOIA Text Responses: I kindly request access to the complete text responses for each FOIA report pertaining to my requests. This will allow me to fully understand the information provided and maintain a clear record of the proceedings.
3. Inquiry about the FOIA Officer and Supervisor: I have repeatedly requested the basic accommodation of the CT FOIA officers' names and titles within communications with me, which the department has repeatedly failed to accommodate further complicating my ability to fully participate.
4. Any Questions or Clarifications: If the department had any questions or required clarifications regarding my previous FOIA requests, I kindly request that these questions be included in the provided information. This will help me address any outstanding matters.

III. Whistleblower Protection and Retaliation

My actions to illuminate potential issues within the Medicaid program are protected under the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. It is vital that these protections be upheld to ensure that concerns about public administration can be raised without fear of retaliation.

IV. In-Depth Analysis of FOIA and ADA Non-Compliance

A. Systematic FOIA Non-Compliance:

The repeated delays in processing my FOIA requests raise serious concerns about systemic non-compliance with 5 U.S.C. § 552. Transparency is crucial for public trust, and these delays obstruct the ability of citizens to participate in informed advocacy.

B. Failure to Accommodate under the ADA:

The challenges I have encountered in obtaining information due to my disability underscore a significant gap in ADA compliance. The provision of necessary accommodations is not merely a legal mandate but also a cornerstone of an inclusive and participatory democratic process.

V. Immediate Action

I respectfully urge CT DSS to take immediate action to address these concerns. This includes the prompt processing of all pending FOIA requests and the establishment of necessary ADA accommodations. Such measures are essential not only for compliance with federal laws but also for upholding principles of ethical governance and public accountability.

VI. Conclusion

In my dual capacity as an individual with disabilities and a steadfast advocate for equitable rights, I address you today. My concerns are twofold: the personal impact of the current administrative challenges I face, and the broader implications these have for our community's commitment to the principles of equality, transparency, and ethical governance.

VII. Broader Community Implications and Call for Action

The issues presented touch upon the values and respect accorded to the rights of all individuals, especially those with disabilities.

This communication is an invitation for collaboration and understanding, with the belief that mutual respect and concerted efforts can overcome these challenges.

There is a shared responsibility to reinforce our collective commitment to the values that define our community, ensuring that every individual, irrespective of their abilities, is treated with fairness and respect.

VIII. Summary

In summary, the situation with CT DSS not only represents a personal struggle but also underscores a systemic issue that requires immediate attention and action. It is a call to uphold the principles of equal access, fairness, and respect for the rights of individuals with disabilities, ensuring that communication and information handling are efficient, clear, and accessible to all.

IX. Appreciation and Offer of Assistance

I appreciate your attention to this pressing matter. I eagerly anticipate your prompt response and remain open to further discussions or clarifications as needed to advance our shared objectives.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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01.19.2024 Notice Regarding Connecticut Department of Social Services Medicaid Administration, FOIA Non-Compliance, ADA Concerns, and Whistleblower Retaliations. Complaint, Appeals, and Request for Transparency

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 3:45 PM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
Cc: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: FOIA Requests

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.

You have been advised that your first two requests alone would take multiple years for the Department to fulfill. Nevertheless, you have continued to file, on a consistent basis, new requests. You have also begun to include a blanket request that your requests be conducted with “expedited processing.” For example, on January 3, 2024, you sent 45 separate emails to the Department’s FOIA inbox, consisting of 2 new comprehensive requests, as well as 43 separate emails asking that the Department expedite the processing of each of your existing requests, and some requests which have already been completed. However, for those requests that have been completed, you not only sent an “appeal” email for the information provided to you, but also sent an additional email for expedited processing of the request.

As of today, the Department has been able to fulfill 18 of your requests. While the Department has been able to complete or close a number of your requests so far, it simply cannot process all of your requests at the same time, let alone with “expedited processing,” without significantly interfering with the agency's operations. Most of your requests require the Department to engage in a comprehensive process of identifying potential document custodians, formulating search terms, engaging the Department of Administrative Services Bureau of Information Technology Solutions to run a search for the terms, reviewing (based on your exceptionally broad requests) thousands of documents, and preparing the responsive documents for production. Before any documents can be provided to you, each page must be reviewed, not only for responsiveness, but also for any FOIA exemptions, including, but not limited to, attorney-client privilege, protected health information, and protected personnel records.

Accordingly, the Department is requesting that you provide, no later than one week of today, a list that identifies the order in which you would like the Department to respond to each of your requests. This also applies to each subsequent FOIA request that you file. In the absence of such a list, the Department will address the responses in the order that they were received. As you are aware, complying with your current requests will take, at minimum, numerous years. For this reason, the Department asks that you review each of your requests to consider whether they can be narrowed in scope or duration, or, perhaps, withdrawn entirely. The Department believes it has made good faith attempts to communicate with you in an attempt to clarify or narrow many of your requests, and will continue to do so. The Department

notes, however, that in some cases, you have either failed to agree to narrow your requests, or failed to respond entirely.

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

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services





RE: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Wed 9/4/2024 8:48 AM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

 2 attachments (890 KB)

RE: FOIA Requests; Re: FOIA Requests;

Good morning Mr. Medeiros,
Thank you for your response. Per your request, I have attached the February 20, 2024 correspondence.
Have a nice day,
Kelly
FOIA Officer
DSS

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 3:13 PM

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

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

Importance: High

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09.03.2024

Subject: Response to FOIA Correspondence Dated September 3, 2024

Dear Ms. Bartomioli,

I am writing in response to your letter dated September 3, 2024, regarding the status of my FOIA requests. I appreciate the Department of Social Services' commitment to addressing these requests and your attention to my accommodation needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ADA Basic Accommodation and Communication Preferences

I acknowledge the Department's initiative to utilize the GovQA portal as a tool for managing and tracking FOIA requests. However, I must reiterate that my request under the ADA is for all future correspondence and responses to be conducted exclusively via email. This request is based on my specific needs and is intended to ensure that I can access and manage information in a manner that is consistent with my disability-related requirements.

As you may know I am not an employee of the state, I understand that the Department has forwarded my ADA accommodation request to the Equal Employment Opportunity Division (EEOC). I trust that the EEOC will respond promptly and positively, as the ADA mandates reasonable accommodations unless they fundamentally alter the nature of the service provided. Given the circumstances, email communication remains the most appropriate and reasonable accommodation, as it directly addresses my needs for accessibility and effective communication.

Missing Correspondence from February 20, 2024

In your letter, it was noted that a response and FOIA chart were previously sent to me on February 20, 2024. However, I did not receive any communication on that date. I formally request that the Department resend the email and any attached materials that were originally sent. Ensuring that I have all relevant information is essential for me to effectively review and manage these requests. I would appreciate it if you could confirm that this email was indeed sent and provide any supporting documentation or logs related to this transmission.

Collaboration and Request Management

While I appreciate the Department's suggestion of a phone or Microsoft Teams meeting to discuss the prioritization, modification, or potential withdrawal of certain FOIA requests, I believe that maintaining all discussions and negotiations in writing via email is the most prudent course of action. Email communication allows for a clear, documented record of all exchanges, which is particularly important given the volume and complexity of the requests.

I have done my best to cooperate with the Department in managing these requests, and I respectfully ask that the process be made as straightforward as possible from this point forward. The information I have requested is critically important, particularly because it was part of a Connecticut General Assembly Appropriations hearing and was voted on as recently as August 22, 2024. This information is essential for informed decision-making, and it is imperative that I receive it without further complications or delays.

Compliance with Legal Standards

I acknowledge the Department's legal obligation to carefully review documents for non-disclosable information, such as protected health information and documents covered by attorney-client privilege. I trust that these reviews will be conducted in strict compliance with FOIA and all applicable legal standards. It is my expectation that all non-exempt information will be provided without undue delay, in accordance with FOIA's mandate for transparency and public access.

Addressing Potential Concerns

I understand that the Department may have concerns regarding the volume and scope of my FOIA requests. However, I want to emphasize that these requests are made in good faith, with the intent of obtaining specific information that is critical to the public's interest. I am fully aware of FOIA's purpose and intent and have made every effort to craft my requests to be as specific and targeted as possible. My objective is to ensure that the public has access to essential information that impacts decision-making processes, particularly those related to recent actions by the Connecticut General Assembly.

Next Steps

Please ensure that the EEOC addresses my ADA accommodation request without further delay, and kindly resend the communication from February 20, 2024, along with any associated documents. I look forward to continuing our correspondence and working together to resolve these requests in a manner that upholds the Department's obligations under FOIA and my rights as a requester.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I anticipate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:45 AM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; dssct@govqa.us <dssct@govqa.us>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

Good morning Mr. Medeiros,

Please see the attached letter regarding your concerns and FOIA chart previously sent to you on February 20, 2024. Please confirm receipt of this message and attachments therewith.

Thank you,

Kelly

FOIA Officer

DSS

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8:48 AM

To: dssct@govqa.us; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

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08.20.2024 Subject: Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only

Dear Department of Social Services FOIA officer,

I am writing to again request an accommodation regarding my ongoing communication with the Department of Social Services in relation to my Freedom of Information Act requests including and not limited to, reference number R000311-082024, submitted on **3/10/2023**.

Due to the complexities and inaccuracies of the DSS portal, I find it challenging to navigate and retrieve factual information. Additionally, I am concerned that I received your email on August 20, 2024, regarding

a request submitted on March 10, 2023, which raises concerns about the accuracy and timeliness of communications through the portal.

To ensure clear and effective communication, I respectfully request the accommodation that all future correspondence and responses related to my FOIA request, as well as any other matters with the Department of Social Services, be conducted exclusively via email. This will ensure my full participation that I have accurate, timely, and accessible records of our communications.

Please confirm your receipt of this request and inform me of any further steps that may be necessary to accommodate this communication preference.

Lastly please provide the basic accommodation of the FOIA officer who sent this email to me and for all FOIA communications.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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From: DSS FOI Records Center <dssct@govqa.us>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:41 PM

To: AABIWR@LIVE.COM <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Subject: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024



Dear David Medeiros:

This message is an acknowledgement that the Department of Social Services received your Freedom of Information Act request on 3/10/2023. It was given the reference number R000311-082024 for tracking purposes.

This letter does not constitute a denial of your request. Rather, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, we are in the process of researching and gathering documentation which may be responsive to it. Once the documents are gathered, we will then conduct a review to determine if statutory exemptions to disclosure may apply to some or all of the documents. Upon completion of that review, we will be able to provide you with any responsive, non-exempt documents.

Please note the department reserves the right to charge any such other fees as may be appropriate pursuant

to the Freedom of Information Act.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the DSS FOI Records Center.

Department of Social Services

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [DSS FOI Records Center](#)





FW: Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request: State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut (Department of Social Services)

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Mon 10/28/2024 1:56 PM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

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

**KELLY BARTOMIOLI**

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[Department of Social Services](#)

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FOIA.DSS@ct.gov

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

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 12:50 PM

To: 175288-75164810@requests.muckrock.com; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request: State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut (Department of Social Services)

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you,
Kelly

**KELLY BARTOMIOLI**

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From: 175288-75164810@requests.muckrock.com <175288-75164810@requests.muckrock.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 12:40 PM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request: State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut (Department of Social Services)

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Department of Social Services
FOIA Office
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105-3730

October 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut

State FOIA Request

To:
FOIA Officer and Supervisory Officers
Connecticut Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Federal FOIA Request

To:
FOIA Officer and Supervisory Officers
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Mail Stop N2-20-16
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry and Related Documents
Dear FOIA Officer and Supervisory Officers,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Connecticut's FOIA statutes (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.), I am writing to request the following records related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program:

Requested Records:

Complete and current provider registry, including:

- Provider names
- Contact details (physical addresses, email addresses)
- Areas of specialty and services offered
- Provider enrollment dates and current status
- Documents governing provider inclusion, such as:

Policies, regulations, or statutes detailing the criteria for selecting, monitoring, and removing providers from the ABI Waiver Program registry

Records of complaints, violations, or disciplinary actions, including:

Any and all records related to complaints, violations, or actions taken against providers in connection with their participation in the ABI Waiver Program

Correspondence or documentation regarding registry maintenance, including:

Documentation outlining the process and frequency of updating the registry, who is responsible for maintaining the records, and how updates are communicated to the public

Agencies to Provide Information or Enforce Compliance:

In recognition of the public's right to transparency in the administration of Medicaid and public health programs, this request emphasizes that multiple state and federal agencies may provide the requested information or compel compliance:

Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC)

Enforces compliance with state FOIA laws.

Contact: 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: (860) 566-5682

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

Ensures proper management of Medicaid programs and enforces civil rights laws.

Contact: 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone: (800) 368-1019

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Oversees state Medicaid programs and can compel state agencies to provide records.

Contact: FOIA_Request@cms.hhs.gov | Phone: (410) 786-5353

HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG)

Investigates fraud or abuse in Medicaid programs.

Contact: Wilbur J. Cohen Building, 330 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone: (800) 447-8477

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) – Connecticut Attorney General's Office

Investigates Medicaid fraud or improper management.

Phone: (860) 808-5318

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – Civil Rights Division

Enforces ADA and other civil rights laws related to Medicaid services.

Phone: (202) 514-4609

Connecticut State Auditors of Public Accounts
Conducts audits of state agencies, including CT DSS.
Phone: (860) 240-8651

Legal Basis for Request:

This request is made under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Connecticut's FOIA laws (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.). These statutes obligate public agencies to provide records necessary for the public's oversight of government operations, particularly those involving public health and Medicaid services.

Request for Expedited Processing:

Given the critical need for transparency in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, I request expedited processing under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E). Delays in providing this information may hinder public oversight and efforts to ensure proper care for individuals with acquired brain injuries.

Request for Accommodation and Fee Waiver:

As an individual living with a brain injury and a stroke survivor, I request reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.). Please provide all requested records directly via email to AabiWR@live.com. Do not use any portals or third-party websites that pose barriers to accessing this information.

Additionally, I request a waiver of all fees associated with this request, as it is made in the public interest to ensure transparency and accountability in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, and not for commercial purposes.

Response Time:

Under federal FOIA and Connecticut public records laws, agencies are required to respond to this request within specified timeframes. Please notify me promptly if any part of this request requires clarification or additional time to process. Contact me exclusively via email at AabiWR@live.com.

Conclusion:

I look forward to your prompt and complete response. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

Founder & Owner, ABI Resources

39 Kings HWY STE C

Gales Ferry, Connecticut, 06335

AabiWR@live.com

Key Legal Citations:

5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) – Federal statute governing public access to government records.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. – Connecticut's Freedom of Information laws.

Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) – Ensures reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities.
Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) – Provides for reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities.

I also request that, if possible and pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-212(d), fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest and not made for commercial gain. The requested documents will be made available to the public at MuckRock.com.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 4 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

DAVID MEDEIROS

View request history, upload responsive documents, and report problems here:

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock News
DEPT MR 175288
263 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115

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RE: 04.01.2024 FOIA Request for Records on Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Compliance and Employment Services Audits

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Mon 4/1/2024 8:42 AM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:39 AM

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

Subject: 04.01.2024 FOIA Request for Records on Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Compliance and Employment Services Audits

Importance: High

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04.01.2024

Request for Records Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

To FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting access to or copies of records detailing audits, compliance reports, and related documents concerning consumer employment services provided under Connecticut's Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. This request encompasses but is not limited to supported employment, prevocational and vocational coaching, training, day group support, and employment services. The requested records include:

Detailed audit reports, compliance assessments, regulations, policy and management records related to:

- Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 814c (Connecticut's Fair Employment Practices Act [CFEPA]).
- Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule.
- Conflict of Interest Frameworks.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.
- Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
- Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).
- Connecticut Workers' Compensation Act.
- Connecticut Paid Sick Leave Act.
- Connecticut Minimum Wage and Labor Standards.

Records of employment for consumers, including pay rates, employment policies, stipends, guidelines, complaints, grievances, and documents evidencing compliance with the FLSA and ADA.

Guidelines and protocols for consumers employed by and receiving Medicaid services by the same employer Medicaid agency. Consumers record audits from receive employment as well as Medicaid services from their employer, including audit schedules, fee schedules, and proof of Medicaid agencies' compliance with federal and state laws.

These records are sought from the following agencies:

- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Connecticut Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of Labor
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),
- Administration for Community Living (ACL),
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- U.S. Department of the Treasury

As a person living with a brain injury, I request the accommodation of receiving these records in an electronic format. Furthermore, I request expedited processing of this request due to its pertinence to whistleblower-protected legal case ADA Civil Rights Case 2410220 and the immediate need for these documents to support ongoing legal and advocacy efforts.

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 expect a response within twenty (20) business days, as stipulated by the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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RE: 02.23.2024 Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA | Jenna Giacomi CT DSS

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Fri 2/23/2024 12:56 PM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:04 PM

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

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: 02.23.2024 Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA | Jenna Giacomi CT DSS

Importance: High

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02.23.2024

Connecticut Department of Social Services
Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Administrator
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
Email: DSS.FOIA@ct.gov

Subject: Urgent Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Administrator,

Pursuant to the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., I hereby formally request access to and copies of all records, communications, documents, reports, notes, and investigations, irrespective of format (including, without limitation, paper, electronic, digital, audio, video, and any other form of media) that relate to or mention Jenna Giacomi (jenna.giacomi@ct.gov) in connection with ABI Resources, myself (David Medeiros), the ABI Waiver Program, and/or the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO).

This request specifically targets the following items for disclosure:

Email Correspondence: All emails sent to or from Jenna Giacomini that mention or pertain to ABI Resources, David Medeiros, the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, and/or CHRO.

Documents and Reports: Any form of written communication (reports, memos, briefs, documents) prepared, received, or disseminated by Jenna Giacomini relevant to ABI Resources, David Medeiros, the ABI Waiver Program, and/or CHRO.

Investigative Records: Detailed records of any inquiries or examinations involving Jenna Giacomini that relate to ABI Resources, David Medeiros, the ABI Waiver Program, and/or CHRO.

Meeting Records: Notes or audio/video recordings of meetings with Jenna Giacomini's participation that involve discussions on ABI Resources, David Medeiros, the ABI Waiver Program, and/or CHRO.

I request that the search for these records include all materials from January 1, 2010, to the present day, or the broadest range permissible under the law.

Expedited Processing Request: Given the gravity and potential implications of the subject matter, including allegations of discrimination, non-compliance with CHRO and CT DSS policies, FOIA non-compliance, ADA concerns, and whistleblower retaliation (Service of CHRO Complaint Formal Complaint and Demand for Investigation: 2410220), I respectfully request expedited processing of this FOIA request.

Should any part of this request be denied, I kindly request that you provide a detailed justification for each refusal, citing specific exemptions under the FOIA. I anticipate your response within the statutory timeframe as mandated by the Connecticut FOIA legislation.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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Re: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.17.2023 | Project Genesis

From ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Date Wed 10/18/2023 5:56 AM

To DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc DSS, Commis <commis.dss@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.p.dinnall@ct.gov>

Thank you so much.

David

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

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:18 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.17.2023 | Project Genesis

David –

I have reattached the document again, but can see your requested data is visible in the original response, so there does not appear to be an error within the document.

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:12 PM

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

Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.17.2023 | Project Genesis

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I need to bring to your attention that the attached document you provided appears to be blank. Could you please resend the document or check if there was an error in the attachment?

Thank you.

David

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

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 3:44 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.17.2023 | Project Genesis

David –

Please find the attached Excel spreadsheet in response to your FOIA request below. Please note that the earliest payments were issued to this provider was October 2016, so DSS does not have any data prior.

Following this response, I will consider this request completed within the Department of Social Services.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 8:21 AM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.17.2023 | Project Genesis

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 7:51 AM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>
Subject: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.17.2023 | Project Genesis

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10/17/2023

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

To Whom It May Concern:

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 Project Genesis 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 Project Genesis for each of the following years:

2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023

Project Genesis 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 Project Genesis 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 Project Genesis 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



RE: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Wed 9/4/2024 8:48 AM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

 2 attachments (890 KB)

RE: FOIA Requests; Re: FOIA Requests;

Good morning Mr. Medeiros,

Thank you for your response. Per your request, I have attached the February 20, 2024 correspondence.

Have a nice day,

Kelly

FOIA Officer

DSS

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 3:13 PM

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

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

Importance: High

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09.03.2024

Subject: Response to FOIA Correspondence Dated September 3, 2024

Dear Ms. Bartomioli,

I am writing in response to your letter dated September 3, 2024, regarding the status of my FOIA requests. I appreciate the Department of Social Services' commitment to addressing these requests and your attention to my accommodation needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ADA Basic Accommodation and Communication Preferences

I acknowledge the Department's initiative to utilize the GovQA portal as a tool for managing and tracking FOIA requests. However, I must reiterate that my request under the ADA is for all future correspondence and responses to be conducted exclusively via email. This request is based on my specific needs and is intended to ensure that I can access and manage information in a manner that is consistent with my disability-related requirements.

As you may know I am not an employee of the state, I understand that the Department has forwarded my ADA accommodation request to the Equal Employment Opportunity Division (EEOC). I trust that the EEOC will respond promptly and positively, as the ADA mandates reasonable accommodations unless they fundamentally alter the nature of the service provided. Given the circumstances, email communication remains the most appropriate and reasonable accommodation, as it directly addresses my needs for accessibility and effective communication.

Missing Correspondence from February 20, 2024

In your letter, it was noted that a response and FOIA chart were previously sent to me on February 20, 2024. However, I did not receive any communication on that date. I formally request that the Department resend the email and any attached materials that were originally sent. Ensuring that I have all relevant information is essential for me to effectively review and manage these requests. I would appreciate it if you could confirm that this email was indeed sent and provide any supporting documentation or logs related to this transmission.

Collaboration and Request Management

While I appreciate the Department's suggestion of a phone or Microsoft Teams meeting to discuss the prioritization, modification, or potential withdrawal of certain FOIA requests, I believe that maintaining all discussions and negotiations in writing via email is the most prudent course of action. Email communication allows for a clear, documented record of all exchanges, which is particularly important given the volume and complexity of the requests.

I have done my best to cooperate with the Department in managing these requests, and I respectfully ask that the process be made as straightforward as possible from this point forward. The information I have requested is critically important, particularly because it was part of a Connecticut General Assembly Appropriations hearing and was voted on as recently as August 22, 2024. This information is essential for informed decision-making, and it is imperative that I receive it without further complications or delays.

Compliance with Legal Standards

I acknowledge the Department's legal obligation to carefully review documents for non-disclosable information, such as protected health information and documents covered by attorney-client privilege. I trust that these reviews will be conducted in strict compliance with FOIA and all applicable legal standards. It is my expectation that all non-exempt information will be provided without undue delay, in accordance with FOIA's mandate for transparency and public access.

Addressing Potential Concerns

I understand that the Department may have concerns regarding the volume and scope of my FOIA requests. However, I want to emphasize that these requests are made in good faith, with the intent of obtaining specific information that is critical to the public's interest. I am fully aware of FOIA's purpose and intent and have made every effort to craft my requests to be as specific and targeted as possible. My objective is to ensure that the public has access to essential information that impacts decision-making processes, particularly those related to recent actions by the Connecticut General Assembly.

Next Steps

Please ensure that the EEOC addresses my ADA accommodation request without further delay, and kindly resend the communication from February 20, 2024, along with any associated documents. I look forward to continuing our correspondence and working together to resolve these requests in a manner that upholds the Department's obligations under FOIA and my rights as a requester.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I anticipate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:45 AM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; dssct@govqa.us <dssct@govqa.us>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

Good morning Mr. Medeiros,

Please see the attached letter regarding your concerns and FOIA chart previously sent to you on February 20, 2024. Please confirm receipt of this message and attachments therewith.

Thank you,

Kelly

FOIA Officer

DSS

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8:48 AM

To: dssct@govqa.us; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

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08.20.2024 Subject: Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only

Dear Department of Social Services FOIA officer,

I am writing to again request an accommodation regarding my ongoing communication with the Department of Social Services in relation to my Freedom of Information Act requests including and not limited to, reference number R000311-082024, submitted on 3/10/2023.

Due to the complexities and inaccuracies of the DSS portal, I find it challenging to navigate and retrieve factual information. Additionally, I am concerned that I received your email on August 20, 2024, regarding

a request submitted on March 10, 2023, which raises concerns about the accuracy and timeliness of communications through the portal.

To ensure clear and effective communication, I respectfully request the accommodation that all future correspondence and responses related to my FOIA request, as well as any other matters with the Department of Social Services, be conducted exclusively via email. This will ensure my full participation that I have accurate, timely, and accessible records of our communications.

Please confirm your receipt of this request and inform me of any further steps that may be necessary to accommodate this communication preference.

Lastly please provide the basic accommodation of the FOIA officer who sent this email to me and for all FOIA communications.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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From: DSS FOI Records Center <dssct@govqa.us>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:41 PM

To: AABIWR@LIVE.COM <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Subject: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024



Dear David Medeiros:

This message is an acknowledgement that the Department of Social Services received your Freedom of Information Act request on 3/10/2023. It was given the reference number R000311-082024 for tracking purposes.

This letter does not constitute a denial of your request. Rather, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, we are in the process of researching and gathering documentation which may be responsive to it. Once the documents are gathered, we will then conduct a review to determine if statutory exemptions to disclosure may apply to some or all of the documents. Upon completion of that review, we will be able to provide you with any responsive, non-exempt documents.

Please note the department reserves the right to charge any such other fees as may be appropriate pursuant

to the Freedom of Information Act.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the DSS FOI Records Center.

Department of Social Services

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [DSS FOI Records Center](#)





Re: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

From ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Date Wed 1/3/2024 11:53 AM

To DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <foi@ct.gov>

Cc ABI RESOURCES LLC www.CTbrainINJURY.com <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

01.03.2024

Due to Specific Circumstances.

Formal Request for Expedited Processing of FOIA Request in Compliance with Legal Provisions and Appeals.
Dear FOIA officer,

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I hereby formally request expedited processing of my recent FOIA application due to compelling needs as outlined below:

Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., as an individual living with a brain injury, I am entitled to reasonable accommodations in legal and administrative processes. The expedited processing of this FOIA request is a necessary accommodation to ensure my effective participation, considering my specific communication and cognitive challenges.

Adherence to Whistleblower Protection Legislation: This request is pertinent to matters involving whistleblower retaliation, protected under the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302(b)(8)) and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (18 U.S.C. § 1514A). Immediate processing is critical to uphold the legal protections afforded to whistleblowers and to address any potential violations thereof.

Public Interest and Urgency: The information sought pertains to issues of significant public interest, particularly in the domains of disability rights and ethical compliance. As established under FOIA guidelines, information requests that have the potential to inform the public about governmental operations and activities are to be prioritized (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)).

Personal Circumstances: My unique personal circumstances, stemming from my brain injury, create an urgent need for information that directly impacts my ability to effectively self-advocate and represent the interests of others in similar situations.

Given these considerations, I respectfully urge that my FOIA request be processed on an expedited basis in line with the legal standards and principles of accessibility, transparency, and public interest.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 4:02 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

David –

Giovanni Pinto – Communications Manager for the Department of Social Services

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 3:35 PM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program
Importance: High

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11/16/2023

Dear CT DSS Officer,

Given the context of a personal disability, I am reaching out to seek your support and accommodation in processing this Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. I deeply appreciate your understanding and any assistance you can provide in this regard. Would you kindly provide your identification for further correspondence within this thread?

Thank you,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 3:26 PM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

David –

This information has been requested and provided to you. Please refer to the attached chain from 10/23/2023.

Best,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 2:49 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: Re: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

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11/16/2023

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

Subject: Request for Identification for Record-Keeping Purposes

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to kindly request your assistance for a matter related to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). For the purpose of maintaining accurate and comprehensive records, it would be greatly appreciated if you could provide your name and official title. This information is necessary for our documentation and to ensure that all communications and transactions are properly attributed and archived.

We understand and respect the protocols that govern the disclosure of information under FOIA. Please be assured that the requested details will be used solely for record-keeping purposes, in compliance with relevant regulations and standards of professional conduct.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

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

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 1:23 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

David –

As previously explained, DSS has no knowledge or documentation that SLG compensates consumers.

Following this response, I will consider this request completed within the Department of Social Services.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 1:08 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: Re: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

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11/15/2023

FOIA Appeal for Request

Dear CT DSS FOIA Appeals Officer,

I am writing to appeal the response to my Freedom of Information Act request regarding the compensation details for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program consumers. The response I received, stated: "**This does not occur**, so this information does not exist."

I am concerned about the definitive nature of this statement and seek further clarification and supporting documentation. Specifically, I request the following:

1. Detailed Explanation: A comprehensive explanation or official statement detailing how the Department determined that compensation for ABI Waiver Program consumers "**This does not occur**." This should include any analyses, reports, or internal reviews that support this conclusion.
2. Policy Documentation: Copies of any policies, guidelines, or internal memos that outline the procedures and criteria used to assess compensation matters related to ABI Waiver Program consumers.
3. Historical Data: Any historical data or records that the Department used to ascertain that such compensation has never occurred.

This request is made under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, which ensures public access to government records and information. The statement "**this does not occur**" implies a level of certainty that necessitates thorough documentation and evidence. As a concerned citizen and in the interest of public transparency, I believe it is imperative to understand the basis of such definitive claims made by a government agency.

I appreciate your attention to this appeal and look forward to a timely response.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

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

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:09 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

David –

As explained in previous correspondence, responding to complaint submissions does not fall under the purview of FOIA.

Please see the answered responses below.

1. Records of Complaints and Actions Taken: Documentation regarding the receipt and subsequent actions taken in response to the complaint filed on September 20, 2023, concerning the Supported Living Group.
 - a. This category of complaints is already being addressed in your previous requests as explained to you on 11/14/2023

2. Compensation Details for ABI Waiver Program Consumers:
 - a. This does not occur, so this information does not exist
3. Nature and structure of compensation provided to consumers for services at SLG.
 - a. See 2. -a.
4. Amounts, frequency, and criteria of compensation.
 - a. See 2. -a.
5. Funding sources and any limitations or conditions attached.
 - a. See 2. -a.
6. Documentation of consumer agreements or contracts relating to compensation.
 - a. See 2. -a.
7. Investigations and Audits: Records of any complaints, investigations, or audits related to consumer payment or compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, specifically regarding the Supported Living Group, including outcomes of these inquiries.
 - a. See 1. -a.
8. Policies and Regulations: Any guidelines, policies, or regulations governing consumer compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, particularly in relation to services provided by the Supported Living Group.
 - a. See 2. -a.
9. Safeguards and Administration Integrity: Documents detailing how the integrity of consumer compensation is maintained within the ABI Waiver Program, including measures to prevent misuse or misallocation of funds.
 - a. See 2. -a.

Following this response, I will consider this request completed within the Department of Social Services.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 12:13 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

Importance: High

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11/15/2023

Appeal Subject: Follow-Up on Formal Complaint Records and Freedom of Information Act Request - ABI Waiver Program and Supported Living Group.

Dear Connecticut FOIA Officer

I am writing to follow up on a formal complaint submitted on September 20, 2023, regarding employment concerns at the Supported Living Group (SLG) within the ABI Waiver Program. This complaint was addressed to the DSS Commissioner and Amy Dumont, DSS Chief Operating Officer. Despite the electronic confirmation of delivery, there has been no acknowledgment or response to this serious matter.

Given the lack of response and the gravity of the concerns raised, I am invoking the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act § 1-200 to request the following information:

1. Records of Complaints and Actions Taken: Documentation regarding the receipt and subsequent actions taken in response to the complaint filed on September 20, 2023, concerning the Supported Living Group.
2. Compensation Details for ABI Waiver Program Consumers:
3. Nature and structure of compensation provided to consumers for services at SLG.
4. Amounts, frequency, and criteria of compensation.
5. Funding sources and any limitations or conditions attached.
6. Documentation of consumer agreements or contracts relating to compensation.
7. Investigations and Audits: Records of any complaints, investigations, or audits related to consumer payment or compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, specifically regarding the Supported Living Group, including outcomes of these inquiries.
8. Policies and Regulations: Any guidelines, policies, or regulations governing consumer compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, particularly in relation to services provided by the Supported Living Group.
9. Safeguards and Administration Integrity: Documents detailing how the integrity of consumer compensation is maintained within the ABI Waiver Program, including measures to prevent misuse or misallocation of funds.

I require these records in an accessible electronic format due to my disability. If some documents are exempt from disclosure, please provide a Vaughn index detailing the reasons for such exemption.

Your prompt attention to this matter is crucial for ensuring the welfare and fair treatment of ABI Waiver Program consumers. I trust that the Department of Social Services will address these concerns with the urgency and professionalism they warrant.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros
ABI Resources LLC
860 942-0365
AabiWR@live.com



RE: FOIA Requests

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Wed 7/31/2024 1:19 PM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Good afternoon,
My name is Kelly Bartomioli.
Thank you,
FOIA Officer
DSS

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 1:16 PM

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

Subject: Re: FOIA Requests

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07/31/2024

Hello FOIA Officer,

Would you please provide me your name?

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 12:17 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

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

Subject: RE: FOIA Requests

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 8:02 AM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; Reeves, Andrea <Andrea.Reeves@ct.gov>; DSS, Commis
<Commis.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: Re: FOIA Requests

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07.31.2024

Request for Missing FOIA Information (***02.20.2024 Appeal***) ***no DSS response.***

Dear Ms. Bartomioli FOIA Officer, and DSS Commissioner Reeves,

Commissioner Reeves, As someone living with a brain injury, I find the current DSS FOIA process concerning, overwhelming and very difficult to manage. My traumatic brain injury can affect my ability to handle complex and prolonged procedures, making it challenging for me to navigate these communications and appeals. It is embarrassing to and hard for me to explain and am asking DSS FOIA to understand.

I am requesting an accommodation to simplify this process. Would DSS please accommodate the requested information and address the appeals without further delay or additional steps? This situation has gone on for far too long and continues to become more complicated and very confusing for me.

Thank you for your efforts as DSS FOIA Officer. However, I have not yet received the specific FOIA report numbers and the complete text responses to my requests.

I respectfully request:

1. Complete copies of all previously submitted FOIA requests.
2. Full text of DSS responses to each FOIA request.
3. FOIA report case numbers associated with each request.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

David Medeiros
Founder and Owner, ABI Resources

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 2:55 PM

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

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: FOIA Requests

02.20.2024 Appeal (missing information)

Thank you DSS FOIA Officer Ms.Bartomioli,

You have done a wonderful job and we are very grateful for all your effort!

The specific accommodation FOIA report numbers and the DSS FOIA complete text response of each report pertaining to my request. Would the department please provide each complete FOIA request submitted along with the FOIA request report case number and any questions it may have? This would provide essential clarity and assist in accommodating and maintaining an accurate record of the proceedings.

"I respectfully request complete copies of all previously submitted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, along with the complete corresponding responses provided by the Department of Social Services (DSS). Your cooperation in providing these documents will greatly assist in ensuring transparency and facilitating our ongoing review."

Best regards,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 9:57 AM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: FOIA Requests

Good morning Mr. Medeiros,

In response to your letter dated January 19, 2024, the Department has taken the time to put together the attached chart summarizing all your FOIA requests. Please note that during the reflected time period, Giovanni Pinto was handling the FOIA requests prior to mid-late December 2023, then switching over to myself. My supervisor's name is David Seifel, who also has been aiding in FOIA requests throughout this time. If you would like the font and/or coloring of the chart changed, feel free to let me know and I will be able to accommodate. Please confirm receipt of the chart.

Thank you,
Kelly Bartomioli
FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 12:41 PM

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

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: FOIA Requests

Importance: High

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Date: 01.19.2024 *Please see the attached letter.*

Department of Social Services - Central Office

55 Farmington Ave,
Hartford, CT 06105

Response to:
Department of Social Services
Subject: FOIA Requests
01/18/2024 at 3:45 pm. VIA EMAIL

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer Sir/Madam,

I. Introduction

I am writing to you in my capacity as the founder of ABI Resources and as a committed advocate for ethical healthcare administration, especially for individuals with disabilities. As a brain injury and stroke survivor, my experiences have endowed me with a unique perspective on the necessity of transparent and accessible government processes. I, David, believe it may be beneficial for both myself and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) to engage in a constructive dialogue to prioritize my FOIA requests and discuss feasible accommodations under the ADA. This collaborative approach could lead to a more effective and timely resolution of the issues raised, ensuring that both the letter and spirit of the FOIA and ADA are upheld. Such a dialogue would not only address my individual concerns but also potentially improve the DSS's processes for handling similar requests in the future.

II. Detailed Legal Framework and Concerns

A. Legal and Advocacy Considerations:

While I understand the operational challenges the department might face, particularly with what has been reported to be limited dedicated staff to handling DSS FOIA requests, it is imperative that such constraints do not impede citizens' rights under FOIA. The nature of my requests for information from CT DSS for basic electronic records is

that the department already possesses these records and is equipped to handle electronic records as mandated by FOIA laws.

The situation reported at the CT DSS FOIA office raises concerns about potential hindrances to citizens' rights in obtaining information. This issue affects not only the timeliness but also potentially the quality of the responses to FOIA requests. As a citizen, it is my right to expect that requests, particularly those involving electronic records, are processed efficiently and in line with FOIA guidelines.

Therefore, it is crucial that the FOIA process is adhered to both in spirit and letter, ensuring that citizens' rights to information are not compromised due to administrative challenges. I urge the department to review its current resource allocation for handling FOIA requests to improve efficiency and compliance with the law.

B. Accommodation request for FOIA Report Numbers and Complete Reports

As a brain injury survivor, I may face certain challenges in accessing and comprehending information, and I again kindly request your accommodation in this matter. To ensure better organization and tracking of the requested information, I am seeking the following basic accommodations:

1. For better organization and tracking, I kindly request the specific accommodation FOIA report numbers and the DSS FOIA complete text response of each report pertaining to my request. Would the department please provide each complete FOIA request submitted along with the FOIA request report case number and any questions it may have? This would provide essential clarity and assist in accommodating and maintaining an accurate record of the proceedings.

C. ADA Compliance Issues

As a person with disabilities, I am particularly concerned about the accessibility and responsiveness of CT DSS to my requests. The lack of basic accommodations in processing these requests is not only a breach of the ADA but also impedes my ability to engage in effective advocacy.

1. FOIA Report Numbers: I request that the department provide me with the FOIA report case numbers for each of my previous FOIA requests. This will help me accurately identify and reference each request.

2. Complete FOIA Text Responses: I kindly request access to the complete text responses for each FOIA report pertaining to my requests. This will allow me to fully understand the information provided and maintain a clear record of the proceedings.

3. Inquiry about the FOIA Officer and Supervisor: I have repeatedly requested the basic accommodation of the CT FOIA officers' names and titles within communications with me, which the department has repeatedly failed to accommodate further complicating my ability to fully participate.

4. Any Questions or Clarifications: If the department had any questions or required clarifications regarding my previous FOIA requests, I kindly request that these questions be included in the provided information. This will help me address any outstanding matters.

III. Whistleblower Protection and Retaliation

My actions to illuminate potential issues within the Medicaid program are protected under the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. It is vital that these protections be upheld to ensure that concerns about public administration can be raised without fear of retaliation.

IV. In-Depth Analysis of FOIA and ADA Non-Compliance

A. Systematic FOIA Non-Compliance:

The repeated delays in processing my FOIA requests raise serious concerns about systemic non-compliance with 5 U.S.C. § 552. Transparency is crucial for public trust, and these delays obstruct the ability of citizens to participate in informed advocacy.

B. Failure to Accommodate under the ADA:

The challenges I have encountered in obtaining information due to my disability underscore a significant gap in ADA compliance. The provision of necessary accommodations is not merely a legal mandate but also a cornerstone of an inclusive and participatory democratic process.

V. Immediate Action

I respectfully urge CT DSS to take immediate action to address these concerns. This includes the prompt processing of all pending FOIA requests and the establishment of necessary ADA accommodations. Such measures are essential not only for compliance with federal laws but also for upholding principles of ethical governance and public accountability.

VI. Conclusion

In my dual capacity as an individual with disabilities and a steadfast advocate for equitable rights, I address you today. My concerns are twofold: the personal impact of the current administrative challenges I face, and the broader implications these have for our community's commitment to the principles of equality, transparency, and ethical governance.

VII. Broader Community Implications and Call for Action

The issues presented touch upon the values and respect accorded to the rights of all individuals, especially those with disabilities.

This communication is an invitation for collaboration and understanding, with the belief that mutual respect and concerted efforts can overcome these challenges.

There is a shared responsibility to reinforce our collective commitment to the values that define our community, ensuring that every individual, irrespective of their abilities, is treated with fairness and respect.

VIII. Summary

In summary, the situation with CT DSS not only represents a personal struggle but also underscores a systemic issue that requires immediate attention and action. It is a call to uphold the principles of equal access, fairness, and respect for the rights of individuals with disabilities, ensuring that communication and information handling are efficient, clear, and accessible to all.

IX. Appreciation and Offer of Assistance

I appreciate your attention to this pressing matter. I eagerly anticipate your prompt response and remain open to further discussions or clarifications as needed to advance our shared objectives.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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01.19.2024 Notice Regarding Connecticut Department of Social Services Medicaid Administration, FOIA Non-Compliance, ADA Concerns, and Whistleblower Retaliations. Complaint, Appeals, and Request for Transparency

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 3:45 PM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
Cc: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: FOIA Requests

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.

You have been advised that your first two requests alone would take multiple years for the Department to fulfill. Nevertheless, you have continued to file, on a consistent basis, new requests. You have also begun to include a blanket request that your requests be conducted with “expedited processing.” For example, on January 3, 2024, you sent 45 separate emails to the Department’s FOIA inbox, consisting of 2 new comprehensive requests, as well as 43 separate emails asking that the Department expedite the processing of each of your existing requests, and some requests which have already been completed. However, for those requests that have been completed, you not only sent an “appeal” email for the information provided to you, but also sent an additional email for expedited processing of the request.

As of today, the Department has been able to fulfill 18 of your requests. While the Department has been able to complete or close a number of your requests so far, it simply cannot process all of your requests at the same time, let alone with “expedited processing,” without significantly interfering with the agency's operations. Most of your requests require the Department to engage in a comprehensive process of identifying potential document custodians, formulating search terms, engaging the Department of Administrative Services Bureau of Information Technology Solutions to run a search for the terms, reviewing (based on your exceptionally broad requests) thousands of documents, and preparing the responsive documents for production. Before any documents can be provided to you, each page must be reviewed, not only for responsiveness, but also for any FOIA exemptions, including, but not limited to, attorney-client privilege, protected health information, and protected personnel records.

Accordingly, the Department is requesting that you provide, no later than one week of today, a list that identifies the order in which you would like the Department to respond to each of your requests. This also applies to each subsequent FOIA request that you file. In the absence of such a list, the Department will address the responses in the order that they were received. As you are aware, complying with your current requests will take, at minimum, numerous years. For this reason, the Department asks that you review each of your requests to consider whether they can be narrowed in scope or duration, or, perhaps, withdrawn entirely. The Department believes it has made good faith attempts to communicate with you in an attempt to clarify or narrow many of your requests, and will continue to do so. The Department

notes, however, that in some cases, you have either failed to agree to narrow your requests, or failed to respond entirely.

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

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services





**Re: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1)
Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2**

From ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Date Wed 1/3/2024 12:00 PM

To DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <foi@ct.gov>

Cc ABI RESOURCES LLC www.CTbrainINJURY.com <aabiwr@live.com>

01.03.2024

Due to Specific Circumstances.

Formal Request for Expedited Processing of FOIA Request in Compliance with Legal Provisions and Appeals.
Dear FOIA officer,

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I hereby formally request expedited processing of my recent FOIA application due to compelling needs as outlined below:

Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., as an individual living with a brain injury, I am entitled to reasonable accommodations in legal and administrative processes. The expedited processing of this FOIA request is a necessary accommodation to ensure my effective participation, considering my specific communication and cognitive challenges.

Adherence to Whistleblower Protection Legislation: This request is pertinent to matters involving whistleblower retaliation, protected under the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302(b)(8)) and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (18 U.S.C. § 1514A). Immediate processing is critical to uphold the legal protections afforded to whistleblowers and to address any potential violations thereof.

Public Interest and Urgency: The information sought pertains to issues of significant public interest, particularly in the domains of disability rights and ethical compliance. As established under FOIA guidelines, information requests that have the potential to inform the public about governmental operations and activities are to be prioritized (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)).

Personal Circumstances: My unique personal circumstances, stemming from my brain injury, create an urgent need for information that directly impacts my ability to effectively self-advocate and represent the interests of others in similar situations.

Given these considerations, I respectfully urge that my FOIA request be processed on an expedited basis in line with the legal standards and principles of accessibility, transparency, and public interest.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:50 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <foi@ct.gov>

Subject: Re: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1)
Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

11/21/2023

Subject: Legal Appeal Concerning Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear CT DSS FOIA officer,

Pursuant to Section 1-206(b) of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, I hereby submit a formal appeal regarding the response to my FOIA request dated November 19, 2023. This request was directed to the relevant Connecticut State Departments for information pertaining to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2.

The response from the Department of Social Services FOIA Officer, asserted the non-existence of the requested documents, except for the ongoing verification of service and intervention plans. This reply appears inconsistent with statutory requirements under Section 1-210(a) of the CT FOIA, which obligates the disclosure of public records unless explicitly exempted.

Basis for Belief in Record Existence:

Given the statutory requirements under the Medicaid program and state regulations governing ABI Waiver Programs, it is reasonable to expect that documents such as grievances, complaints, financial audits, policies, and service plans are regularly maintained and monitored. The absence of such records would not only be atypical but potentially indicative of non-compliance with state and federal regulatory standards.

Legal Grounds for Appeal:

Public Records Definition: Section 1-200(5) of the CT FOIA defines public records in broad terms, encompassing the categories of documents I have requested.

Mandatory Disclosure: Section 1-210(a) mandates the disclosure of all public records unless they fall under specific exemptions delineated in Section 1-210(b).

Disability Accommodation: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), my request for electronic format records is not only reasonable but required to ensure equal access.

Public Interest Considerations:

The requested information is vital to assess the effectiveness, integrity, and legal compliance of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs. Transparency in these matters directly impacts public health and welfare, thereby serving a significant public interest.

Request for Exemption Justification:

In accordance with Section 1-210(b), should you assert that any portion of the requested documents is exempt from disclosure, I request a detailed justification for each exemption claimed, including the precise statutory language relied upon.

I trust that this appeal will prompt a re-evaluation of my FOIA request and the subsequent release of the records in question. As required by Section 1-206(b)(1) of the CT FOIA,

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:04 PM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1)
Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

David –

In regard to your request below, the Division of Financial Services does not have any of the requested documents. The only portion of this request we are still verifying is below:

1. All service and intervention plans related to Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 within Connecticut.

Thanks,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 6:23 AM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1)
Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2
Importance: High

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Dear CT DSS Officer Mr. Giovanni Pinto – Communications Manager with the Department of Social Services,

I hope this message finds you well. I appreciate your dedication to managing the FOIA requests and acknowledge the significant workload that 26 requests since 9/26/2023 represent, especially with the limited staffing resources.

I understand that my situation as a TBI and stroke survivor necessitates certain accommodations, and I'm grateful for the Department's efforts to provide these. I want to ensure that my requests are not perceived as burdensome but rather as a pursuit of necessary information in compliance with FOIA guidelines.

In the spirit of constructive collaboration and understanding the constraints under which the Department operates, I would like to propose the following:

1. Prioritization: If possible, could we prioritize the requests based on urgency or relevance? This might streamline the process and ease the workload on your end.

2. Regular Updates: Periodic updates on the status of the requests would be highly appreciated. This would help in managing expectations and planning accordingly.
3. Feedback Mechanism: If any part of my requests is unclear or overly broad, I welcome your feedback for clarification or refinement.
4. Accommodations Acknowledgement: I assure you that my requests for accommodations are made in good faith, aimed at ensuring equal access to information. Any assistance in this regard is greatly valued.
5. Constructive Dialogue: I am open to any suggestions or advice from your end on how to make this process smoother for both parties.

I am committed to working cooperatively and ensuring that our communications remain respectful and productive. Thank you for your time and attention to these matters. I look forward to your response and positive engagements.

Warm regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 4:26 PM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1)
Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The Department of Social Services currently has only one FOIA officer who has been continuously working on the **26 FOI requests** you have submitted since 9/26/2023. His information has been shared with you previously as a part of an official request and in regular email correspondence. His information again is as follows:
 - Giovanni Pinto – Communications Manager with the Department of Social Services
- Please also find highlighted portions of your request below that include information, documents, and records that have already been requested, and/or have already been completed

Thank you,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2023 8:50 AM
To: FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1)
Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2
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11/19/2023

Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern at Relevant Connecticut State Departments:

I am writing to request records under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act. This request concerns documents and information related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2, specifically targeting grievances, complaints, and associated government response records or investigations within the state of Connecticut. Binder 1 is included in this FOIA record request.

Specifically, I am requesting records:

All Documents and Correspondence:

1. Any and all documents, emails, memos, and correspondences related to grievances and complaints concerning the Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 within Connecticut. – **already requested and being finalized with your 10/23/2023 request**

Financial Audits and Reviews:

2. Complete financial audits, reviews, and any related documents concerning these programs, focusing on financial integrity and potential irregularities.

Policies and Procedures:

3. Copies of all current and past policies, procedures, and guidelines governing the operation of Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 in Connecticut, particularly regarding care management and provider selection. – **already provided to you on 11/14/2023 @ 10:37 AM**

Provider Directories and Information:

2. The most recent and any past versions of provider directories for these programs, including any information previously not disclosed publicly. – **already requested and being finalized with your 11/13/2023 request**

Service and Intervention Plans:

1. All service and intervention plans related to Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 within Connecticut.

Investigation Reports and Findings:

1. Any reports, findings, or documents resulting from investigations conducted in relation to these programs within Connecticut. – **The Department does not have an records pertaining to this portion of the request**

Communication Records:

3. Records of all communications regarding Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2, specifically relating to filed grievances and complaints within Connecticut. – **already requested and being finalized with your 10/23/2023 request and your 9/26/2023 request, which pinged over 18,000 emails and has been explained would take over a year to complete**

Reference to Attached Documents:

1. Please refer to the attached documents for specific instances and details relevant to and for this request of all related records.

Rationale for Request:

1. 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 within Connecticut, and to ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards.

Disability Accommodation Request:

1. Due to a disability, I request that the information be provided in an electronic format to facilitate accessibility.

Contact Information for FOIA Officer:

1. For effective communication, please provide the name and contact information of the FOIA officer handling this request in your department.

Anticipated Exemptions:

Should any part of the requested documents be exempt from disclosure, I seek a comprehensive written explanation for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. I request that only the exempted portions be redacted, maintaining the integrity of the remaining document.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or via email.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources



Re: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs

From A.B.I. RESOURCES L.L.C. 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Date Tue 11/15/2022 12:05 PM

To Perry, Charles <Charles.Perry@ct.gov>

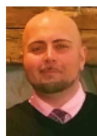
Hi Mr. Perry,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly; Please forgive me, your contact information was listed as a Connecticut FIOA contact.

I believe CT DSS is the correct department.

All the best,

David Medeiros CBIS



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From: Perry, Charles <Charles.Perry@ct.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 11:32 AM

To: A.B.I. RESOURCES L.L.C. 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Subject: Re: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs

Hi Mr. Medeiros,

In reviewing your FOI request, it appears that you may be contacting the wrong agency. The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities does not maintain a medicaid program not does it have the information that you are requesting. Based on the above, there are no records with the CHRO that

are responsive to this request. If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



www.ct.gov/chro



Charles E. Perry

Paralegal Specialist/FOI Officer

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Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

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From: A.B.I. RESOURCES L.L.C. 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:59 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; Perry, Charles <Charles.Perry@ct.gov>; DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>

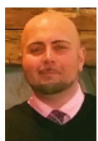
Cc: legal@ctbraininjury.com <legal@ctbraininjury.com>; A.B.I. RESOURCES L.L.C. 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Subject: Re: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs

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Would the Department please provide the November 7, 2022, FOIA-request information?
The FOIA request is attached.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 10:54 AM
To: aabiwr@live.com <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs

Good Morning

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06105

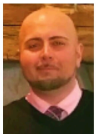
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To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>
Cc: legal@ctbraininjury.com
Subject: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs
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11/07/2022.

FOIA request document is attached.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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RE: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Wed 9/4/2024 8:48 AM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

 2 attachments (890 KB)

RE: FOIA Requests; Re: FOIA Requests;

Good morning Mr. Medeiros,
Thank you for your response. Per your request, I have attached the February 20, 2024 correspondence.
Have a nice day,
Kelly
FOIA Officer
DSS

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 3:13 PM

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

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

Importance: High

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09.03.2024

Subject: Response to FOIA Correspondence Dated September 3, 2024

Dear Ms. Bartomioli,

I am writing in response to your letter dated September 3, 2024, regarding the status of my FOIA requests. I appreciate the Department of Social Services' commitment to addressing these requests and your attention to my accommodation needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ADA Basic Accommodation and Communication Preferences

I acknowledge the Department's initiative to utilize the GovQA portal as a tool for managing and tracking FOIA requests. However, I must reiterate that my request under the ADA is for all future correspondence and responses to be conducted exclusively via email. This request is based on my specific needs and is intended to ensure that I can access and manage information in a manner that is consistent with my disability-related requirements.

As you may know I am not an employee of the state, I understand that the Department has forwarded my ADA accommodation request to the Equal Employment Opportunity Division (EEOC). I trust that the EEOC will respond promptly and positively, as the ADA mandates reasonable accommodations unless they fundamentally alter the nature of the service provided. Given the circumstances, email communication remains the most appropriate and reasonable accommodation, as it directly addresses my needs for accessibility and effective communication.

Missing Correspondence from February 20, 2024

In your letter, it was noted that a response and FOIA chart were previously sent to me on February 20, 2024. However, I did not receive any communication on that date. I formally request that the Department resend the email and any attached materials that were originally sent. Ensuring that I have all relevant information is essential for me to effectively review and manage these requests. I would appreciate it if you could confirm that this email was indeed sent and provide any supporting documentation or logs related to this transmission.

Collaboration and Request Management

While I appreciate the Department's suggestion of a phone or Microsoft Teams meeting to discuss the prioritization, modification, or potential withdrawal of certain FOIA requests, I believe that maintaining all discussions and negotiations in writing via email is the most prudent course of action. Email communication allows for a clear, documented record of all exchanges, which is particularly important given the volume and complexity of the requests.

I have done my best to cooperate with the Department in managing these requests, and I respectfully ask that the process be made as straightforward as possible from this point forward. The information I have requested is critically important, particularly because it was part of a Connecticut General Assembly Appropriations hearing and was voted on as recently as August 22, 2024. This information is essential for informed decision-making, and it is imperative that I receive it without further complications or delays.

Compliance with Legal Standards

I acknowledge the Department's legal obligation to carefully review documents for non-disclosable information, such as protected health information and documents covered by attorney-client privilege. I trust that these reviews will be conducted in strict compliance with FOIA and all applicable legal standards. It is my expectation that all non-exempt information will be provided without undue delay, in accordance with FOIA's mandate for transparency and public access.

Addressing Potential Concerns

I understand that the Department may have concerns regarding the volume and scope of my FOIA requests. However, I want to emphasize that these requests are made in good faith, with the intent of obtaining specific information that is critical to the public's interest. I am fully aware of FOIA's purpose and intent and have made every effort to craft my requests to be as specific and targeted as possible. My objective is to ensure that the public has access to essential information that impacts decision-making processes, particularly those related to recent actions by the Connecticut General Assembly.

Next Steps

Please ensure that the EEOC addresses my ADA accommodation request without further delay, and kindly resend the communication from February 20, 2024, along with any associated documents. I look forward to continuing our correspondence and working together to resolve these requests in a manner that upholds the Department's obligations under FOIA and my rights as a requester.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I anticipate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider



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

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:45 AM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; dssct@govqa.us <dssct@govqa.us>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

Good morning Mr. Medeiros,

Please see the attached letter regarding your concerns and FOIA chart previously sent to you on February 20, 2024. Please confirm receipt of this message and attachments therewith.

Thank you,

Kelly

FOIA Officer

DSS

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8:48 AM

To: dssct@govqa.us; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Concerns and Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only Fw: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024

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08.20.2024 Subject: Request for Accommodation – Email Communication Only

Dear Department of Social Services FOIA officer,

I am writing to again request an accommodation regarding my ongoing communication with the Department of Social Services in relation to my Freedom of Information Act requests including and not limited to, reference number R000311-082024, submitted on **3/10/2023**.

Due to the complexities and inaccuracies of the DSS portal, I find it challenging to navigate and retrieve factual information. Additionally, I am concerned that I received your email on August 20, 2024, regarding

a request submitted on March 10, 2023, which raises concerns about the accuracy and timeliness of communications through the portal.

To ensure clear and effective communication, I respectfully request the accommodation that all future correspondence and responses related to my FOIA request, as well as any other matters with the Department of Social Services, be conducted exclusively via email. This will ensure my full participation that I have accurate, timely, and accessible records of our communications.

Please confirm your receipt of this request and inform me of any further steps that may be necessary to accommodate this communication preference.

Lastly please provide the basic accommodation of the FOIA officer who sent this email to me and for all FOIA communications.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,

David Medeiros

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From: DSS FOI Records Center <dssct@govqa.us>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:41 PM

To: AABIWR@LIVE.COM <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Subject: FOI Records Request :: R000311-082024



Dear David Medeiros:

This message is an acknowledgement that the Department of Social Services received your Freedom of Information Act request on 3/10/2023. It was given the reference number R000311-082024 for tracking purposes.

This letter does not constitute a denial of your request. Rather, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, we are in the process of researching and gathering documentation which may be responsive to it. Once the documents are gathered, we will then conduct a review to determine if statutory exemptions to disclosure may apply to some or all of the documents. Upon completion of that review, we will be able to provide you with any responsive, non-exempt documents.

Please note the department reserves the right to charge any such other fees as may be appropriate pursuant

to the Freedom of Information Act.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the DSS FOI Records Center.

Department of Social Services

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [DSS FOI Records Center](#)





FW: Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request: State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut (Department of Social Services)

From DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Date Mon 10/28/2024 1:56 PM

To ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

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

**KELLY BARTOMIOLI**

**Paralegal Specialist
Communications & Legislative
Management**

Privacy Officer & FOIA Officer

[Department of Social Services](#)

Phone: 860-984-0215

Kelly.Bartomioli@ct.gov

PrivacyOfficer.DSS@ct.gov

FOIA.DSS@ct.gov

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

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 12:50 PM

To: 175288-75164810@requests.muckrock.com; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request: State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut (Department of Social Services)

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you,
Kelly

**KELLY BARTOMIOLI**

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From: 175288-75164810@requests.muckrock.com <175288-75164810@requests.muckrock.com>

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 12:40 PM

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

Subject: Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request: State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut (Department of Social Services)

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Department of Social Services
FOIA Office
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105-3730

October 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry | Connecticut

State FOIA Request

To:
FOIA Officer and Supervisory Officers
Connecticut Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Federal FOIA Request

To:
FOIA Officer and Supervisory Officers
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Mail Stop N2-20-16
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry and Related Documents
Dear FOIA Officer and Supervisory Officers,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Connecticut's FOIA statutes (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.), I am writing to request the following records related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program:

Requested Records:

Complete and current provider registry, including:

- Provider names
- Contact details (physical addresses, email addresses)
- Areas of specialty and services offered
- Provider enrollment dates and current status
- Documents governing provider inclusion, such as:

Policies, regulations, or statutes detailing the criteria for selecting, monitoring, and removing providers from the ABI Waiver Program registry

Records of complaints, violations, or disciplinary actions, including:

Any and all records related to complaints, violations, or actions taken against providers in connection with their participation in the ABI Waiver Program

Correspondence or documentation regarding registry maintenance, including:

Documentation outlining the process and frequency of updating the registry, who is responsible for maintaining the records, and how updates are communicated to the public

Agencies to Provide Information or Enforce Compliance:

In recognition of the public's right to transparency in the administration of Medicaid and public health programs, this request emphasizes that multiple state and federal agencies may provide the requested information or compel compliance:

Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC)

Enforces compliance with state FOIA laws.

Contact: 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: (860) 566-5682

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

Ensures proper management of Medicaid programs and enforces civil rights laws.

Contact: 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone: (800) 368-1019

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Oversees state Medicaid programs and can compel state agencies to provide records.

Contact: FOIA_Request@cms.hhs.gov | Phone: (410) 786-5353

HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG)

Investigates fraud or abuse in Medicaid programs.

Contact: Wilbur J. Cohen Building, 330 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone: (800) 447-8477

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) – Connecticut Attorney General's Office

Investigates Medicaid fraud or improper management.

Phone: (860) 808-5318

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – Civil Rights Division

Enforces ADA and other civil rights laws related to Medicaid services.

Phone: (202) 514-4609

Connecticut State Auditors of Public Accounts
Conducts audits of state agencies, including CT DSS.
Phone: (860) 240-8651

Legal Basis for Request:

This request is made under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Connecticut's FOIA laws (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.). These statutes obligate public agencies to provide records necessary for the public's oversight of government operations, particularly those involving public health and Medicaid services.

Request for Expedited Processing:

Given the critical need for transparency in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, I request expedited processing under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E). Delays in providing this information may hinder public oversight and efforts to ensure proper care for individuals with acquired brain injuries.

Request for Accommodation and Fee Waiver:

As an individual living with a brain injury and a stroke survivor, I request reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.). Please provide all requested records directly via email to AabiWR@live.com. Do not use any portals or third-party websites that pose barriers to accessing this information.

Additionally, I request a waiver of all fees associated with this request, as it is made in the public interest to ensure transparency and accountability in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, and not for commercial purposes.

Response Time:

Under federal FOIA and Connecticut public records laws, agencies are required to respond to this request within specified timeframes. Please notify me promptly if any part of this request requires clarification or additional time to process. Contact me exclusively via email at AabiWR@live.com.

Conclusion:

I look forward to your prompt and complete response. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

Founder & Owner, ABI Resources

39 Kings HWY STE C

Gales Ferry, Connecticut, 06335

AabiWR@live.com

Key Legal Citations:

5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) – Federal statute governing public access to government records.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. – Connecticut's Freedom of Information laws.

Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) – Ensures reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities.
Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) – Provides for reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities.

I also request that, if possible and pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-212(d), fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest and not made for commercial gain. The requested documents will be made available to the public at MuckRock.com.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 4 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

DAVID MEDEIROS

View request history, upload responsive documents, and report problems here:

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263 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115

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1. Per county, What number of people have applied for each Medicaid program per year?

MFP Applications by Region								
		Regions						Grand Total
			Eastern	North Central	Northwest	South Central	Southwest	
Year	2021	13	135	507	235	419	220	1529
	2020	91	148	535	234	405	172	1585
	2019	196	139	616	278	504	353	2086
	2018	153	117	573	282	397	272	1794
Grand Total		453	539	2231	1029	1725	1017	6994

2. Per county, what number of people have been approved for each Medicaid programs per year?

MFP Care Plans Approved by Region								
		Regions						Grand Total
			Eastern	North Central	Northwest	South Central	Southwest	
Year	2021		75	266	141	303	147	932
	2020		91	336	180	285	133	1025
	2019		37	294	128	229	148	836
	2018	1	38	304	141	206	162	852
Grand Total		1	241	1200	590	1023	590	3645

3. What is the average Medicaid program consumer's wait list period to start Medicaid program services for each program?

There is not a waitlist for MFP.

4. When approved for the MFP, what is the average time period for home-based services to actively start?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

5. Per county, what number of people received services for each Medicaid program per year?

Request names services as ILST, Companion, RA1 RA2 PCA. Do not have this information readily available in existing reports.

6. Per county, what is the total number of Medicaid program consumers on each Medicaid program?

MFP Consumers Pre and Post Transition		
Year	2021	1337
	2020	1485
	2019	1575
	2018	1400

7. Since 2018, What number of Medicaid program consumers transitioned from Medicaid Programs ABI Waiver 1 too ABI Waiver 2?

8. What is the total number Medicaid program service hours billed per year, for each Medicaid program, for the following services?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

9. What is the total number of Medicaid approved agency providers?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

10. What are the names of the ten largest Medicaid approved agency providers providing ILST, companion, RA1, RA2 and or PCA services for each of the 4 Medicaid programs?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

11. What is the total number of Medicaid program consumers served per Agency / Program / Year?

12. What is the total number of Medicaid program consumer referrals received per Agency / Program / Year?

13. What number of Medicaid program referrals went to each of the ten largest agency providers individually?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

Care management access agencies.

14. What are the names of the care management access agencies for each of the 4 Medicaid programs?

MFP Access Agencies:

Area on Aging South Central Connecticut

South Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Connecticut Community Care

15. What care management access agencies make Medicaid program service referrals, for each program?

MFP Access Agencies:

Area on Aging South Central Connecticut

South Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Connecticut Community Care

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FCMS/ES	010920247033	1/9/2024	1/9/2024	Medeiros, David	Communication between CT State employees and care management providers
FCMS/ES	010820247061	1/8/2024	1/8/2024	Medeiros, David	Whistleblower, Retaliation, etc. information
FCMS/ES	011020247058	1/6/2024	1/6/2024	Medeiros, David	OCR Complaint - Reference Number: 01-24-551819
FCMS/ES	010620247001	1/6/2024	1/6/2024	Medeiros, David	OCR Reference Number: 01-24-551819
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
FCMS/ES	010920247077	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	Medeiros, David	Binder Comprehensive FOIA Request for Records on Disability Rights and Whistleblower Protections
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
FCMS/ES	010320247031	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	Medeiros, David	Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (CT)
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
FCMS/ES	010220247012	1/2/2024	1/2/2024	Medeiros, David	CT -- State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220
FCMS/ES	122620237029	12/26/2023	12/26/2023	Medeiros, David	Correspondence from State of CT
FCMS/ES	122320237001	12/23/2023	12/23/2023	Medeiros, David	Connecticut -Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program
FCMS/ES	122320237002	12/23/2023	12/23/2023	Medeiros, David	CT -- Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program
FCMS/ES	122120237092	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	Medeiros, David	ABI Resources
FCMS/ES	122120237090	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	Medeiros, David	CT -- Associated Connecticut Matters
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...
FCMS/ES	121820237006	12/18/2023	12/18/2023	Medeiros, David	New SWIFT Document 121820237006
FCMS/ES	121220237012	12/12/2023	12/12/2023	Medeiros, David	Request for information on Dr. Nichole Collins (CT)
FCMS/ES	121220237017	12/12/2023	12/12/2023	Medeiros, David	Request information on Dr. Michelle Brisma (CT)
FCMS/ES	121320237012	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	MEDEIROS, David	12.11.2023 CMS HHS FOIA Freedom of Infomation Request. CMS and HHS records and documents that pe...
FCMS/ES	111920237001	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2
FCMS/ES	111920237002	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Cognitive Behavioral Services Behavior Analysts in Medicaid ABI Waiver
FCMS/ES	111920237003	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Care Management Consultation Services in Medicaid ABI Waiver
FCMS/ES	111920237004	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program
FCMS/ES	111920237005	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Connecticut Department of Social Services Office of Legal Affairs, Regulations, and Administrative Hearings
FCMS/ES	111920237006	11/19/2023	11/19/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs
FCMS/ES	103020237004	10/30/2023	10/30/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs,
FCMS/ES	102320237021	10/23/2023	10/23/2023	MEDEIROS, David	New SWIFT Document 102320237021
FCMS/ES	102320237015	10/23/2023	10/23/2023	MEDEIROS, David	CMS Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and Consumer Compensation
FCMS/ES	101720237011	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	ABI Waiver programs
FCMS/ES	101720237013	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Goodwill through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs
FCMS/ES	101720237008	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	The Supported Living Group through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs
FCMS/ES	101720237010	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Goodwill through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs
FCMS/ES	101720237012	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	MEDEIROS, David	Project Genesis through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs
FCMS/ES	092920237066	9/29/2023	9/29/2023	Medeiros, David	Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program,
FCMS/ES	092620237001	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money
FCMS/ES	092020237008	9/20/2023	9/20/2023	Medeiros, David	"The Supported Living Group"
FCMS/ES	082420237010	8/24/2023	8/24/2023	Medeiros, David	Connecticut Medicaid Programs
FCMS/ES	082420237012	8/24/2023	8/24/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Medicaid ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) Waiver Program over the past five years
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
FCMS/ES	070520237047	7/5/2023	7/5/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Protocols
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

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.
FCMS/ES	051520237013	5/15/2023	5/15/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	ABI Waivers
FCMS/ES	050320237021	5/3/2023	5/3/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver I Program
FCMS/ES	042720237060	4/27/2023	4/27/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	ABI Waiver Programs
FCMS/ES	040420237036	4/4/2023	4/4/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Connecticut Community Care (CCC) referral system
FCMS/ES	040420237037	4/4/2023	4/4/2023	MEDEIROS, DAVID	Money Follows the Person (MFP) (CT)
FCMS/ES	032820237017	3/28/2023	3/28/2023	Medeiros, David	Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver and Money Following the Person Program
FCMS/ES	111520227061	11/15/2022	11/15/2022	MEDEIROS, DAVID	The Supported Living Group LLC

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Medicaid Member Stakeholder Meeting

Medicaid Landscape Analysis

Medicaid Member Stakeholder Meeting Invitation

When: October 30, 2024

Where: Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Virtual Attendance Option:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83223850290?pwd=tObZSVwjCBmaKOA3SRGLfhoLhPlrfZ.1> [. \(https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83223850290?pwd=tObZSVwjCBmaKOA3SRGLfhoLhPlrfZ.1\)](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83223850290?pwd=tObZSVwjCBmaKOA3SRGLfhoLhPlrfZ.1)

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Background:

The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) has contracted with Accenture and Manatt to assist the Department in conducting a Medicaid Landscape Analysis. This analysis will look at the current Medicaid program, including what is working well and where there are opportunities for improvement. The analysis will include whether there are opportunities to explore managed care options to improve the Medicaid program. We want to hear from Medicaid members, providers, and other stakeholders on what you think is working well and what needs to be improved.

Stakeholder Meetings:

The Department will facilitate up to three stakeholder meetings to inform this analysis, including the following:

1. Medicaid member stakeholder meeting: October 30, 2024, 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. (hybrid attendance)
2. Medicaid Provider Stakeholder Meeting: November 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. (virtual meeting) TBA
3. General Stakeholder Meeting: TBA