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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Rep. Mark B. Cohen *Mark B. Cohen*
DATE: January 19, 2011
RE: Co-sponsorship of Legislation on Mental Retardation

Your co-sponsorship is requested for legislation permitting interim payments to community based retardation providers using Medicaid.

These providers receive quarterly payments from the Public Welfare Department (DPW). Some providers have faced cash flow problems. They meet these problems by obtaining bank loans, sometimes in order to make payroll payments.

This proposal would permit DPW to provide cash advances that would be deducted from future quarterly payments. This would avoid the costlier option of taking a loan with interest payments.

This is the same bill as HB 1064, proposed last session by Rep. Manderino which unanimously passed the Health and Human Services Committee. The co-sponsors last session were REED, BAKER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CASORIO, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DENLINGER, DePASQUALE, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, GRUCELA, HANNA, HARHAI, HARHART, HARKINS, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LEVDANSKY, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAJOR, MANN, MARSHALL, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROHRER, ROSS, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, M. SMITH, STABACK, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, McILVAINE SMITH, MAHONEY, GALLOWAY, GABLER, CHRISTIANA, ELLIS, MENSCH, STURLA, OBERLANDER and BRADFORD.

Please contact Linda Huntington in my office at lhunting@pahouse.net or at 787-3085 to co-sponsor this bill.