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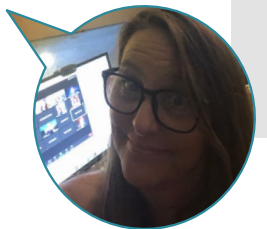
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- **NO VETOES ON BILLS or FUNDING TRACKED**
- **153 of the 183 bills went into effect July 1.**
- **New Fiscal Year began July 1, 2021.**
- **Quick review of Hits & Misses.**

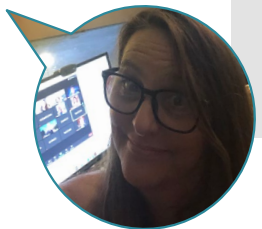


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2021 Recap: *Greatest Hits*

- Medicaid provider rate increases, including HCBS, habilitation, home health
- Reduction in children's MH waiver waiting list (1,129 as of May 2021)
- More funding for school-based mental health, therapeutic classrooms.
- Broadband (High Speed) Internet investment
- Allow vocational rehabilitation to match more federal funds.
- Transfers to ABLE Savings Accounts allowed.
- Equal insurance payment for telehealth-delivered mental health services.
- Courts required to provide ASL interpretation.
- Adult changing stations
- Review of pediatric health services, align with EPSDT.
- Major reform in the funding of the regional MH/DS system.



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2021 Recap: *Misses*

- Election law changes to early & mail-in voting.
- Inactive voter purges.
- Full telehealth payment parity
- Rental housing vouchers
- Assistance animals in rental housing
- Prescription drug costs (including insulin)
- Home modification program
- Electronic absentee voting pilot
- Direct care database
- Public assistance oversight, vaccines (near miss?)



ARPA Funding Updates

Federal Advocacy – Things are happening in D.C.

- Infrastructure
- HCBS Access Act
- Caregivers
- Federal telehealth payment parity





Don't Take the Summer Off!



Resources

- Advocacy
- State
- Federal
- Policy
- Videos

ACTION CENTER: Making Advocacy Easy!

Learn how to use our Action Center to send messages to the people elected to represent you at the State Capitol and in Congress. It's super easy and all you need to know is your name, address, and what you want to say!

Capitol Chat - June 2021

Watch our June 4, 2021 Capitol Chat. Check it out for a review of the 2021 state legislative session.

Capitol Chat - April 2021

Watch our April 30, 2021 Capitol Chat. We cover the state budget and issues hanging on in the final days of the 2021 legislative session.



Capitol Chat - March 2021



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