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- How's it going?
- Quick recap:
  - [Medicaid Member Meetings \(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday\)](#)
  - Redistricting (October Special Session)
  - New Election Laws
    - Special Election (September 14 – Ankeny)
    - City/School Election (November 2)
    - [sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/index.html](http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/index.html)
  - Shuffling of staff & candidates





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- **Quick Recap (continued):**

- Merging of IDPH & DHS
- MH/DS Regional Changes
- Workforce Workgroup
- Medicaid Spending Plan (ARPA)
  - \$80 million for increased training and support for HCBS providers.
  - \$84 million to expand access to HCBS services
  - \$57 million to support the state's HCBS workforce by expanding the direct care registry and recruitment/retention initiatives.

- **Other Updates?**



## What's Important to YOU in 2022?

### • STATE ISSUES (Iowa Legislature)

- You have one State Representative, one State Senator
- They work in Des Moines at State Capitol (Jan-April)
- Quick poll – pick your top three.
- What are we are missing?

### • FEDERAL ISSUES (Congress in Washington DC)

- You have US Representative, two US Senators
- They work in Washington DC at US Capitol (year round)
- Quick poll – pick your top three.
- What are we are missing?





Don't Take the  
~~Summer~~ Off!  
*Fall*



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## How can we help *you*?

- **Tools, Resources, Trainings, Website**

- Do you know where to find information?
- Quick poll
- What do we do well?
- What are we missing?

- **Plans Ahead, Opportunities**

- Editorial Board
- How To Videos
- Stakeholder Meeting (October)
- Highlight Advocates, Success Stories





- 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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THANKS!



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