



Please Support The HEADs UP Act of 2019

The Healthcare Extension and Accessibility for Developmentally Disabled and Underserved Population Act

This bill, H.R. 2417, introduced by Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA), would designate people with I/DD as a Medically Underserved Population (MUP), opening access to much needed primary care and specialist services, incentivizing new research, and authorizing more favorable reimbursement rates for providers who treat this population.

People with I/DD meet every criteria to be classified as a MUP: they lack access to primary care services because providers have not been trained to treat them; they experience poverty and infant mortality at higher rates than the non-disabled population; and the I/DD population over 65 is growing rapidly. The only reason that the I/DD population has not been designated as a MUP is because they do not live together in a geographic area.

Designating people with I/DD as a Medically Underserved Population will lead to improved health outcomes, increased longevity, and enhanced quality of life for people with I/DD and will help to fully realize the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

To sign on to this bill or for more information, please contact Olivia Hussey in Representative Seth Moulton's office at olivia.hussey@mail.house.gov.