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Dear Burnt Mountain Center Family, Friends and Advocates,

I received several letters yesterday from providers of agencies that support people with Developmental Disabilities. More information has reached us on the changes the state has proposed for the NOW and COMP Medicaid Waivers. This proposed cut would be detrimental to BMC. It would reduce our budget by \$270,000 per year based on our current rate of service provision.

I and other Burnt Mountain Center staff will be attending the DCH public comment meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 1:00 pm to voice our concerns. The meeting is at **2 Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta, Ga. 30303**. We hope to make a difference for our center.

SPADD (Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities @ www.spadd.org) board members are encouraging a letter writing campaign to ask parents, guardians, board members, employees, and advocates to write letters opposing the rates as they are now proposed.

I ask you for your support in BMC's endeavor to protect our center and participants. I encourage you to write a letter, to speak out and to call your legislators. Public comments will end February 03, 2012. We will be happy to assist in the mailing of any letters you may write. We have approximately 20 different people who need to receive the letters that oppose this rate reduction. Attached you will find a sample letter from SPADD.