Our 2014 NM Legislature 30-day regular session ended on February 20th. The House passed 280 bills, the Senate passed 207 bills and 120 bills were passed by both the House and Senate. The governor acted on 91 bills of which she signed 81, vetoed 8 and pocket vetoed (no action) 2. The final state budget provides some additional funding for a number of specific disability programs:

- $5.1 million: FIT program/$500,000 for rate increases for FIT provider agencies
- $5 million: Medicaid rate increases for nursing homes & personal care service providers
- $3.3 million: DD waver: intended to take 175 people off the waiting list; $500,000 Pilot Program (flexible supports (individuals at top of list); $500,000: rate increases for DD waiver provider agencies
- $164,000: Office of Guardianship: supplemental funding (current fiscal year)

For more information: www.nmlegis.gov

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CEUs for OT, PT and SLP providers have been obtained for the trainings. Registration is available on line at: http://trainnewmexico.com/
PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION:
“New Mexico now has an advance directive option called Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST). It is written in form of a physician order and was designed to be a statewide mechanism for individuals to communicate their wishes about a range of life-sustaining and resuscitative measures. It represents a means of transferring the known wishes of an individual from one care setting to another, using a uniform document in each setting. It is portable, authoritative and immediately actionable physician order that is consistent with the individual’s wishes and medical condition and should be honored across all treatment settings.”

ABOUT:
“The MOST is a document designed to help healthcare providers honor the treatment wishes of their patients. It is part of a program known as the Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment ‘POLST’ which began in Oregon in 1995. Since its inception the POLST has proven successful in promoting clarity in patients’ wishes for end of life care. As a result of this success the POLST paradigm has spread throughout the United States and several other countries with slight variations (POST, MOLST, …). In 2011 a coalition of multidisciplinary professionals formed to bring the POLST paradigm to New Mexico. The resulting MOST document allows New Mexico residents and physicians the ability to have a meaningful conversation regarding healthcare options and to have conversation converted into physicians order.”

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To download a copy of the form, please visit their website.

Recommendations to maintain continuity throughout the state are given on the website, (e.g. Copy or print MOST form on “Wausau Astrobright Terra Green” 65 lb. card stock”). This is to distinguish the form from other forms in the patient’s record; however, the form will be honored on any color paper. Faxed copies and photocopies are also valid MOST forms.

MEDICAL TOPIC EXCERPT:
Excerpt from one of our CoC PowerPoint presentations:
Title: “End of Life Issues” (January 2012)
Presenter: A. Reeve, MD, MPH; L. Vizcarra, MD; I. Nelson, MS

• “Advance health-care directive is an individual’s instructions as to what the kind of medical treatment s/he would or would not want in the event that s/he becomes incapacitated or unconscious or so ill that s/he is unable to express health choices or wishes.

• A person has to have capacity in order to have an Advance Directive.

• Think of an Advance Directive as an autobiography – it must be written by the originator otherwise it is not an auto (self) biography

• So no one can write an Advance Directive for you…only you can write one for yourself…as long as you have capacity

• Think of a biography – as a healthcare decision – which is written by another, about you for you

• A surrogate decision maker (POA or Guardian) can make decisions for you as long as s/he has capacity”

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