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Department of Labor HOME CARE RULE Vacated

Both ADAPT and NCIL (National Council on Independent Living) have each announced their support for Judge Richard Leon's [ruling](#) (January 14) in Home Care Association of America v. Weil.



The Department of Labor, attempting to increase income for PCA's and companionship services, mandated overtime and minimum wage rules. However, the increases were not funded, and in some situations, workers' hours were cut, leaving them with less income.

ADAPT's concerns were "The Department of Labor (DOL) developed this rule without adequate involvement of the Disability Community which was concerned that without additional Medicaid funding, attendants would lose income that is vital to their lives and individuals with disabilities would be forced into institutions." ([read more](#)).

Judge Leon stated that the DOL's rule was "trying to do through regulation what must be done through legislation".

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ADAPT and NCIL each hope that the Department of Labor "will engage with the disability community as they make their decisions moving forward".

We will be seeing more on this issue!

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