

April 7, 2026

The Honorable Montgomery County Council Members

Re: Support with an Amendment to the FY27 DD-Supplement

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of InterACC, thank you for your longstanding commitment to Montgomery County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), their families, and the workforce that supports them. Your leadership has made Montgomery County a model for person-centered, community-based services.

We write today to respectfully urge your support for an amendment to the County Executive's proposed FY27 DD-Supplement. While the current proposal is \$22,903,479.45, approval of the amendment would bring the total to \$23,573,825—an increase that is both modest and critically necessary.

Together, we have made meaningful progress:

- Individuals with lived experience and their families consistently receive high-quality, person-centered supports.
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) wages are moving closer to a true Montgomery County living wage
- DSP turnover rates remain among the lowest in Maryland—and well below national averages, with some providers achieving single-digit turnover.
- Higher number of people achieving competitive integrated employment
- A growing number of people living more independently in places of their own,
- More people actively engaged in their desired community.

These gains are now at risk.

Over the past two years, state-level reductions through the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) have significantly eroded provider capacity. In FY26, rates were reduced through cuts to the geographic differential (5–7%) and dedicated hours (1%). In FY27, providers face:

- A 2% across-the-board rate reduction
- A 4% reduction for Personal Supports
- New requirements to exhaust shared hours before utilizing dedicated hours for enhanced community integration.

At the same time, uncertainty around federal Medicaid funding creates additional risk to an already fragile system.

Compounding these challenges, demand for services continues to grow. The number of services received by individuals with IDD in Montgomery County has increased by 13.7% over the past four years, yet the DD-Supplement has not kept pace. This growing gap between demand and funding is placing significant strain on providers and jeopardizing the stability of services.

Simply put: without increased local investment, providers will be forced to make difficult decisions that could impact service quality, workforce stability, and access to care.

The requested 3% increase—supported by 41 InterACC provider organizations—is essential to maintaining the progress we have built together and preventing backsliding at a time of growing need.

We recognize and deeply appreciate your continued advocacy. Your support of this amendment will ensure that Montgomery County remains a leader in supporting individuals with IDD and those who serve them.

Thank you for your consideration and your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

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