



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

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Majority Leader Mitch McConnell  
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Long-Term Services and Supports Task Force strongly supports the efforts by Sen. Murkowski and Sen. Brown to hotline H.R. 6402, which was recently passed unanimously in the House. We sincerely thank Sen. Murkowski and Sen. Brown for their dedicated leadership on this issue with their original introduction of S. 2897 and their continued to work to ensure that an implementation delay will pass the Senate.

CCD is a coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of the approximately 57 million children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

This legislation would delay the implementation of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) by one year to January 1, 2020 and require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to hold a meeting with stakeholders regarding EVV guidance and implementation. Designing and implementing an effective and thoughtful EVV program takes careful planning. States must design the EVV system, make changes to Medicaid documents and protocols, seek funding from their legislatures, purchase technology, engage stakeholders (as required by the statute), and educate and train consumers in using the EVV system, among other necessary steps to put a system in place.

A significant delay in implementation is needed to ensure that the privacy and civil rights of consumers are protected; that the administrative and financial burdens on service providers is neither onerous nor duplicative; and that states can design and implement their EVV programs in a thoughtful, deliberative manner.

Due to the time needed for states to appropriately design programs that meet the requirements and respect the privacy rights of individuals being served, the CCD Long-Term

Services and Supports Task Force strongly supports hotlining the House-passed bill to delay EVV implementation.

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