

! a message from **OUR CEO**

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ACTION ALERT: PLEASE SUPPORT FULLY FUNDING THE GUIDEHOUSE RATE STUDY.

A large portion of how we operate is determined by the Government and while EP!C can't lobby we most certainly can advocate and we feel it's our duty to educate our individuals, Families, Guardians, Staff and Supporters on how these decisions affect them. There is currently a bill being presented to the Illinois House of Representatives that require Action on your behalf.



HB - HR0194 – Guidehouse - Final Rate Study. Urges the State of Illinois to fully fund the Guidehouse rate recommendations for FY 2022.

professional wage and not a minimum wage. We are asking for your help in voicing PROPOSITION to this. ([See Bill Status of HR0194](#))

The study, commissioned by the Illinois Department of Human Services, identified ten recommendations to adequately reimburse provider services and keep pace with upcoming minimum wage increases across the state. The passing of this funding would ensure agencies, like ours, are funded at a proper rate. Allowing us to be more competitive and ensure our front-line, essential workforce receives a professional wage rather than a minimum wage.

The House Appropriations - Human Services Committee meets at 8AM on May 6th 2021 to consider. Public support is needed. To fill out a witness slip click [here](#).

Fill out the information, choose EPIC to represent and select PROPONENT (or in favor of).

Thank you on behalf of EP!C Individuals and Staff.