

**VA State General Assembly
Public Comment Speech
On
Medicaid Waiver Personal Assistant Hours
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I am concerning about my personal assistant services would cut to 40 hours a week through my Medicaid Waiver Program. I currently have 42 hours a week for my personal assistants would come to assist me with my daily living activities. However, if my personal assistant service hours would decrease by 2 hours, I would have difficult time to receive full services from my caregivers. Please do not strict the personal assistant service hours up to 40 hours per week. Other people with disabilities would need more than 42 hours to receive services from their caregivers. Otherwise, they would not have choice to go to the institution and have miserable life there. Thank you.