

## **Action Alert from National APSE 10/23/2009**

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### **Tell Congress Long Term Supports and Services Must Be Part of Health Care Reform**

**Take Action!** Call Your Senators and Urge Them to Support CFC Option and the CLASS Act in Health Care Reform

This week the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Welfare (HELP) Committees are merging their separate bills into a single bill that will go to the Senate floor for a vote as early as next week. The fight for what stays in, what goes out, or what gets added to the final Senate bill is still in full swing. We must ensure that two provisions that change the way long term services are delivered and/or funded to people with disabilities are included: the Community First Choice Option and The CLASS Act. These two provisions complement one another and must be a part of the Senate health reform bill!

*What is the Community First Choice (CFC) Option?*

The CFC option is a way to get the key provisions of the Community Choice Act in the health care reform bill. The option would encourage states to provide Medicaid home and community based attendant services.

*What is the CLASS Act?*

The CLASS Act would create a national voluntary long term care insurance program. It was developed to help people better prepare for their long term care needs and to help take pressure off of the Medicaid program.

**Take Action! Call Your Senators Today!**

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