



Self Advocates Becoming Empowered  
Position Statement on  
**MiCASSA**

- ❖ Self Advocates Becoming Empowered believes that all people with a disability have the right to choose where they want to live.
- ❖ Self Advocates Becoming empowered believes that people with disabilities should receive the supports needed to live in the most integrated setting.
- ❖ **Self Advocates Becoming Empowered believes that if a person chooses to move from a nursing facility or ICF/MR that the money that is used to support that individual moves with them.**
- ❖ Therefore SABE supports the passage and implementation of MiCASSA

**What MiCASSA does:**

1. Provides community based services and supports in the most integrated setting. Those services must be:
  - a. based on what a person needs, not their diagnosis
  - b. provided in home or community settings
  - c. controlled by the individual
  - d. supplemented with backup and emergency supports
  - e. furnished according to the individuals plan
2. MiCASSA allows for a friend, family member, guardian, or advocate to be authorized to assist.
3. Funds transition costs from a nursing facility or ICF-MR to a home setting.

4. Provides:

- ✓ Quality assurance programs
- ✓ Continuation of programs without states cutting funds
- ✓ States the option to waive income and resource limits to enhance employment opportunities for people with disabilities and to create a Medicaid "buy-in" program.

**What YOU can do:**

1. Contact your Congressman in Washington DC to let them know:
  - a. Who you are
  - b. What MiCASSA is
  - c. Why MiCASSA is important to you
  - d. There are more than 700 organizations in the US that support MiCASSA
2. Ask them to support the passage of MiCASSA