

I recently received this e-mail & I am concerned by the following paragraph:

"We are seeking that wages below the federal minimum wage are determined by the Supported Wage System. This provides people with disability with the only available protection against exploitation."

Most awards do not have the Supported Wage Model Clause. Some people are not eligible for the Supported Wage System because they work less than 8 hours or more on average per week. If we were measures on this KPI recommendation 50% of our clients would 'fail'. This would mean we would not mean a standard based on factors outside of our control. (ie. The severity of the person's disability - such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy were 6 hours / week work may be the maximum recommended by OT & Physio, or the Award's provisions - this is based on the client's job choice.)

I would be appalled to see this change endorsed.

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