

FY 2015 Amended Budget Governor's Recommendations

Department of Community Health FY2015 Amended

Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Recommended Change:

State General Funds

1. Reduce funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected need. (Total Funds: (\$252,977,490))	(\$80,372,235)
2. Increase funds for new Hepatitis C drugs. (Total Funds: \$59,304,000)	19,708,761
3. Provide one-time funds for a federal audit settlement.	1,978,433
4. Restore funds for unachievable savings from the implementation of the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS). (Total Funds: \$1,501,051)	500,000
5. Restore funds for unachievable savings from hospital cost settlements. (Total Funds: \$7,754,428)	2,583,000
6. Restore funds for unachievable savings from the implementation of case management. (Total Funds: \$12,460,754)	4,150,677
	\$12,460,754)
Total Change	(\$51,451,364)

Nursing Home Provider Fees

7. Increase funds to reflect projected FY 2015 Nursing Home Provider Fee revenue. (Total Funds: \$638,586)	\$212,713
Total Change	\$212,713

Other Changes

8. Utilize enhanced federal participation rate to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for personal support services by 5% in the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP). (Total Funds: \$2,927,361)	Yes
Total Change	\$0

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities FY2015 Amended

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Recommended Change:

1. Reduce funds to reflect a one-time credit from the Employees' Retirement System. (\$475,552)

Total Change (\$475,552)

FY 2016 Budget Governor's Recommendations

Department of Community Health FY2016

Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Recommended Change:

State General Funds	\$3,607,849
1. Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected need. (Total Funds: \$10,831,130)	-34,051,657
2. Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.69% to 67.40%. (Total Funds: \$0)	22,832,100
3. Increase funds for new Hepatitis C drugs. (Total Funds: \$70,037,117)	8,749,685
4. Increase funds for changes in rate calculations for nursing facility operator changes that occur after January 1, 2012, as directed by HB 744 (2014 Session). (Total Funds: \$26,839,525)	12,111,228
5. Increase funds to provide one-time start-up costs of a voluntary case management program intended to improve the health outcomes of members. (Total Funds: \$37,151,006)	500,000
6. Restore funds for unachievable savings from the implementation of the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS). (Total Funds: \$1,533,742)	2,583,000
7. Restore funds for unachievable savings from hospital costs settlements. (Total Funds: \$7,923,313)	4,150,677
8. Restore funds for unachievable savings from the implementation of case management in the ABD program. (Total Funds: \$12,732,138)	\$20,482,882
Total Change	
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$212,713
9. Increase funds to reflect projected FY 2015 Nursing Home Provider Fee revenue. (Total Funds: \$652,494)	
Total Change	\$212,713
Other Changes	Yes
10. Utilize enhanced federal participation rate to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for personal support services by 5% in the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP). (Total Funds: \$2,991,117)	Yes
11. Provide coverage of skilled nursing services in the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) for individuals with severe physical disabilities who were previously receiving this service through the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) waiver.	
Total Change	\$0

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities FY2016

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Recommended Change:

State General Funds	\$1,281,247
1. Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.	-139,693
2. Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Service administered self insurance programs	572,819
3. Provide funds for merit-based pay adjustments and employee recruitment and retention initiatives effective July 1, 2015.	-4,988,014
4. Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.69% to 67.40%.	3,189,659
5. Provide funds for the establishment of intensive support coordination services for the NOW/COMP waiver program.	6,927,540
6. Annualize the cost of 250 FY 2015 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for the developmentally disabled to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.	\$6,843,558
Total Change	
Other Changes	Yes
7. Utilize existing funds for deaf appropriate services.	
Total Change	\$0