



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

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FY 2016-17 Budget Briefing Summary

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Behavioral Health Community Programs

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing helps pay health and long-term care expenses for low-income and vulnerable populations. To assist with these costs the Department receives significant federal matching funds, but must adhere to federal rules regarding program eligibility, benefits, and other features, as a condition of accepting the federal money. The Department's FY 2015-16 appropriation represents 33.6 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 26.1 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

This Joint Budget Committee staff budget briefing document concerns the behavioral health community programs administered by the Department. Behavioral health services include both mental health and substance use disorder services. Of the total General Fund appropriation to the Department for FY 2015-16, 7.6 percent supports behavioral health community programs.

FY 2015-16 Appropriation and FY 2016-17 Request

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2015-16 Appropriation						
SB 15-234 (Long Bill)	\$654,139,950	\$190,886,935	\$9,111,432	\$0	\$454,141,583	0.0
Other legislation	<u>295,672</u>	<u>144,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150,822</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$654,435,622	\$191,031,785	\$9,111,432	\$0	\$454,292,405	0.0
FY 2016-17 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2015-16 Appropriation	\$654,435,622	\$191,031,785	\$9,111,432	\$0	\$454,292,405	0.0
R2 Behavioral health programs	13,430,867	(3,793,986)	7,447,782	0	9,777,071	0.0
R12 Provider rates	(87,332)	(18,463)	(2,279)	0	(66,590)	0.0
NP Cervical cancer eligibility	16,512	0	5,732	0	10,780	0.0
Annualize prior year budget decisions	3,969,688	914,489	6,283	0	3,048,916	0.0
Annualize HB 15-1186 children with autism	<u>450,399</u>	<u>220,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>229,749</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$672,215,756	\$188,354,475	\$16,568,950	\$0	\$467,292,331	0.0
Increase/(Decrease)	\$17,780,134	(\$2,677,310)	\$7,457,518	\$0	\$12,999,926	0.0
Percentage Change	2.7%	(1.4%)	81.8%	n/a	2.9%	0.0%

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Overview of Department's FY 2016-17 Request for Behavioral Health Community Programs: The Department's most recent projections for behavioral health programs indicate that the General Assembly will likely be able to reduce General Fund appropriations by \$17.0 million in the current fiscal year, but the majority of this funding will need to be reinstated for FY 2016-17.

Integrating Behavioral and Primary Health Care: The Department indicates that the integration of behavioral health services and primary health care is critical, since a significant share of total health costs and population outcomes are attributable to behavior, decision-making, and substance use. Significant initiatives are under way to address barriers to successful care integration.

Accountable Care Collaboratives Phase II: The Department recently announced a plan to combine the administrative functions of behavioral health organizations with those of regional care collaborative organizations. The Department's goal is to provide a full continuum of behavioral health interventions throughout the health care system to help address the less acute behavioral health needs of many clients and reduce health care expenditures overall. Behavioral health providers have raised concerns about some potential unintended consequences of eliminating the existing full risk-based capitation payment system for behavioral health services.

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To read the entire briefing: http://www.tornado.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2015-16/hcpbrf2.pdf