



Colorado General Assembly  
Joint Budget Committee

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## FY 2016-17 Budget Briefing Summary

### *Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement*

The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) provides Colorado with an annual revenue stream which is directed via statutory formulas to a wide variety of programs, primarily in the area of public health. The revenue is the product of a 1998 settlement between tobacco manufacturers and states which sued tobacco manufacturers in the mid-1990s to recover Medicaid and other health-related costs incurred as a result of smoking. Colorado received \$88.1 million in Tobacco MSA revenue in April 2015. Programs receiving Tobacco MSA allocations in FY 2015-16 include the Children's Basic Health Plan Trust (32% of allocations), the Nurse Home Visitor Program (16% of allocations), and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (15% of allocations), among others.

## Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

**Master Settlement RFI Responses:** Included in the FY 2015-16 request for information was a multi-department request about programs funding with Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) funds. Departments were asked to include recommendations about the amount of MSA funds the program should receive in FY 2016-17. Of the six responses received, three may be of particular interest to the Committee.

## For More Information

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