



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

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FY 2015-16 Budget Briefing Summary

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Behavioral Health Community Programs

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) helps pay health and long-term care expenses for low-income and vulnerable populations. The largest program administered by HCPF is the Medicaid program, which serves people with low income and people needing long-term care. The Department also performs functions related to improving the health care delivery system. The Department's FY 2014-15 appropriation represents 32.0 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 25.4 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations. This Joint Budget Committee staff budget briefing document concerns the behavioral health community programs administered by HCPF. Behavioral health services include both mental health and substance use disorder services. Most behavioral health services are provided to Medicaid-eligible clients through a statewide managed care or "capitated" program. The Department contracts with five regional entities, known as behavioral health organizations or BHOs, to provide or arrange for medically necessary behavioral health services to Medicaid-eligible clients. Each BHO receives a pre-determined monthly amount for each client who is eligible for Medicaid behavioral health services. In addition to funding for capitation payments to BHOs, a separate appropriation covers fee-for-service payments for behavioral health services provided to clients who are not enrolled in a BHO and for the provision of behavioral health services that are not covered by the BHO contract.

FY 2014-15 Appropriation and FY 2015-16 Request

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Behavioral Health Community Programs Only)						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2014-15 Appropriation						
HB 14-1336 (Long Bill)	\$550,715,017	\$172,504,409	\$4,489,831	\$0	\$373,720,777	0.0
Other legislation	<u>6,443,646</u>	<u>3,950,000</u>	<u>44,755</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,448,891</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$557,158,663	\$176,454,409	\$4,534,586	\$0	\$376,169,668	0.0
FY 2015-16 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2014-15 Appropriation	\$557,158,663	\$176,454,409	\$4,534,586	\$0	\$376,169,668	0.0
R2 Behavioral Health Programs	77,148,072	21,340,878	467,470	0	55,339,724	0.0
R6 Enrollment simplification	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
R8 Children with autism waiver	295,672	144,850	0	0	150,822	0.0
R12 Provider rates	75,092	22,603	666	0	51,823	0.0
R17 School-based early intervention and prevention	4,216,324	1,999,674	0	0	2,216,650	0.0
Annualize prior year budget decisions	<u>(6,138,936)</u>	<u>(4,628,838)</u>	<u>(33,641)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,476,457)</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$632,754,887	\$195,333,576	\$4,969,081	\$0	\$432,452,230	0.0

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

(Behavioral Health Community Programs Only)

	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Increase/(Decrease)	\$75,596,224	\$18,879,167	\$434,495	\$0	\$56,282,562	0.0
Percentage Change	13.6%	10.7%	9.6%	n/a	15.0%	n/a

1/ The request for FY 2015-16 in the above table includes a reduction of \$1,950,000 General Fund for the annualization of S.B. 14-215 (Disposition of Legal Marijuana Related Revenue) that was not included in the Governor's November 1, 2014 submission. The Office of State Planning and Budgeting indicates the omission was a technical error, and so including the annualization better reflects the Governor's request.

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Overview of Department's FY 2015-16 Request for Behavioral Health Community Programs: The Department's FY 2015-16 request includes a \$75.6 million (13.6 percent) increase in funding for behavioral health programs. This request primarily reflects the continued implementation of S.B. 13-200, which expanded eligibility for the Medicaid program.

Implementation of S.B. 14-215: The Department's FY 2015-16 request includes continuation funding for one of two programs that were funded through S.B. 14-215 (Disposition of Legal Marijuana Related Revenue). Approval of this request would require a statutory change.

For More Information

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To read the entire briefing: http://www.tornado.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2014-15/hcpbrf2.pdf