



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

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FY 2016-17 Budget Briefing Summary

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Office of Community Living

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 briefing focuses on the Office of Community Living.

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)	\$519,375,817	\$249,867,197	\$32,911,034	\$0	\$236,597,586	30.5
Other legislation	<u>5,566,695</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,483,347</u>	<u>1,695,000</u>	<u>1,388,348</u>	<u>2.7</u>
TOTAL	\$524,942,512	\$249,867,197	\$35,394,381	\$1,695,000	\$237,985,934	33.2
FY 2016-17 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2015-16 Appropriation	\$524,942,512	\$249,867,197	\$35,394,381	\$1,695,000	\$237,985,934	33.2
R5 Office of Community Living	11,910,323	6,969,260	0	0	4,941,063	0.0
R12 Provider rates	(5,289,992)	(2,567,440)	(313,017)	0	(2,409,535)	0.0
Annualize prior year budget decisions	<u>(1,152,725)</u>	<u>1,601,994</u>	<u>(1,504,588)</u>	<u>(850,000)</u>	<u>(400,131)</u>	<u>0.3</u>
TOTAL	\$530,410,118	\$255,871,011	\$33,576,776	\$845,000	\$240,117,331	33.5
Increase/(Decrease)	\$5,467,606	\$6,003,814	(\$1,817,605)	(\$850,000)	\$2,131,397	0.3
Percentage Change	1.0%	2.4%	(5.1%)	(50.1%)	0.9%	0.9%

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Overview of Funding Mechanisms for IDD Services: Services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are primarily provided at state-run Regional Centers and through community-based Community-Centered Boards and Program Approved Service Agencies. Funding is primarily from Medicaid funds through either the Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or the daily reimbursement rate for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. The following is a brief overview of IDD services and funding mechanisms.

IDD Caseload and Expenditures: The Department is projecting a \$15.0 million under expenditure in FY 2015-16 for the intellectual and developmental disability waivers (IDD waivers). The projected underexpenditure is due primarily to fewer enrollments than was projected for in FY 2014-15 which lower the projected number of enrollments in FY 2015-16. Additionally the average annual cost of services for both the Supported Living Services waiver and the Children's Extensive Support Services waiver was lower than budget for in FY 2014-15 which carries over to the FY 2015-16 projections. The Department's request for FY 2016-17 does not include funding to drawn down the comprehensive waiting list.

IDD Waiting List Update: The number of individuals waiting for comprehensive IDD services as of September 30, 2015 increased by 627 individuals from the number waiting as of August 31, 2014. This increase is offset by reductions to the number of individuals waiting for services through the other two waivers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The increase in the comprehensive services waiting list makes it less likely the enrollment goal to serve all individuals eligible for services by July 1, 2020 established in Section 25.5-10-207.5 (4) (a), C.R.S. will be achievable.

Status Update of Long-Term Services and Supports System Changes: The Long-term Services and Supports System (LTSS), including the system of services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is undergoing numerous changes intended to make the system more accessible for individuals and provide person-centered services. The Department and stakeholders are working on the development of implementation plans that respond to recent system improvement recommendations, federal rules, and legislation. This issue provides a status update on the Department's work to plan for and implement changes.

Supports Intensity Scale Assessment: House Bill 15-1318 (Consolidate Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waivers) required the Department to submit to the Joint Budget Committee a justification for the continued use of the Supports Intensity Scale assessment tool. The Department provided the justification on November 10, 2015. The Joint Budget Committee must determine if the justification is sufficient to continue the use of the Supports Intensity Scale assessment tool.

For More Information

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To read the entire briefing: http://www.tornado.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2015-16/hcpbrf3.pdf