



Accountable Budget Process Results for the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee

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Medicaid Administration

Committee Actions from June

Approved the following topics further study:

- Value-based payments to providers (mental health)
- Ultra high-cost drugs and associated costs (agency presentation)
- Medicaid program flexibility (standard options, excludes waivers)

Approved the following reporting requirements:

1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report by October 1, 2023 on the financial impacts statewide of charging administrative fees uniformly across all entities and options in consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Analyst provide options to stabilize the revenue stream from administrative fees across years.
2. In preparation to transfer 32.6 FTEs and associated ongoing funding of \$3,706,800 total funds from Integrated Health Care Services (Medicaid services) to Health Care Administration (Medicaid administration) beginning in July 2024, the agency and staff shall work together to suggest which other funding sources should be transferred by October 1, 2023.
3. The Legislature intends that the Office of Inspector General report by June 1, 2024 to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee on results of its analysis of provider preventable conditions reports.
4. The Department of Health and Human Services shall work with legislative staff to propose one new base budget line item outcome-based performance measures in Medicaid administration as part of the 2023 interim accountable base budget by October 1, 2023.
5. The Department of Health and Human Services shall work with legislative staff to replace the following base budget line item performance measure: Average decision time on pharmacy prior authorizations (Target = 24 hours) with a measure on medical prior authorizations by October 1, 2023.

Committee Actions from August

Approved the following reporting requirements:

1. The Legislature intends that the Departments of Workforce Service and Health and Human Services report on recommendations as well as potential costs and benefits of expanding automation of Medicaid eligibility reviews by June 1, 2024 to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee. The report shall include lessons learned from the automation efforts for ex-parte renewals.
2. The Legislature intends that the Department of Health and Human Services report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee by June 1, 2024 on the feasibility of primary care health homes focusing on ACE kids in Medicaid.



Committee Actions from October

1. Expressed subcommittee support for a bill file to amend Medicaid's preferred drug list to (1) remove the dispense as written override for psychotropic drugs, and (2) include immunosuppressive drugs.
2. Directed staff to work with the Department of Health and Human Services to propose a net zero solution to stop charging Medicaid administrative fees to state agencies and present a proposal in the 2024 General Session.
3. Approved the transfer of ongoing funds in FY 2025 of \$1,574,700 General Fund and \$2,477,600 federal funds for 30.8 FTEs and associated expenses from Integrated Health Care Services to Health Care Administration line items.
4. Approved the following reporting requirement: The Legislature intends that the Department of Health and Human Services report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee by June 1, 2024 on options to implement a quality-based auto-assignment of Medicaid managed care clients who do not select a health plan.

Aging and Adult Services

Committee Actions from June

Approved the following topics further study:

- Adult Protective Services and Public Guardian staffing levels
- Alternatives program, New Choices Waiver and Medicaid Aging Waiver return on investment

Committee Actions from October

Approved the following reporting requirements:

1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report by October 1st, 2024 on a proposed method of measuring outcomes of funds distributed to and expended by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). These proposed methods shall include:
 - How do AAAs measure the outcomes of the funds they expend on services for their clients?
 - Can AAAs recommend a methodology for determining the return on investment for the funds that they expend?
 - How do AAAs capture client satisfaction and customer service and how can those results (if any) be communicated to policymakers.
2. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee by October 1st, 2024 on the following related to rates administered by the Division of Aging and Adult Services:
 - Historical values for each rate going back 5 years and the last date each rate was reviewed/changed;



- The source of the rate value;
 - How much was paid out by the Area Agencies on Aging for each rate and a breakdown of state/federal funding;
 - An analysis of each rate compared to the market;
 - Projected appropriations needed to meet market amount for each rate; and
 - The number of providers licensed and contracted for these services in 2018 and how many are licensed and contracted to perform these services in 2023.
3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee by October 1st, 2024, on the efforts and outcomes of the Division of Aging and Adult Services to adjust caseload and assignment of responsibilities to staff of Adult Protective Services and the Office of the Public Guardian. The Department shall also report on the impact and expenditure of additional legislative funding appropriated for personnel expenses during the 2023 General Session to Adult Protective Services and the Office of the Public Guardian.

Office of Recovery Services

Committee Actions from June

Approved the following topic further study:

- Retention Rates for Staff of the Office of Recovery Services

Committee Actions from October

No action taken. Expect to receive market rate adjustment recommendations for several staff positions during the 2023 General Session with the goal of reducing turnover.

Workforce Services Operations and Policy

Committee Actions from June

Approved the following topic further study:

- Changes in federal programs
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Committee Actions from October

Added the following performance measures to the Operations and Policy line item:

- Eligibility Average Call Wait Time (Target = 18 Minutes),
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult Entered Employment Rate (Target = 62%),



- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Workers Entered Employment Rate (Target = 83%),
- Refugee Services Office Refugee Job Placements (Target = 230),
- Child Care Cases Eligibility Determined Within 30 Days (Target = 95%),
- Internal Review Medical Compliance Accuracy (Target = 95%), and
- Eligibility Days to Decision (Target = 15 Days).