Department of Social Services
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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
General Fund	1,813	1,826	1,827	1,837	1,887	1,889	2
Insurance Fund	-	-	-	-	1	-	(1)

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	150,872,462	152,469,641	155,258,860	159,660,660	162,930,660	160,022,138	(2,908,522)
Other Expenses	170,223,974	161,600,738	169,190,000	168,068,200	169,968,200	168,607,200	(1,361,000)
Other Current Expenses							
Genetic Tests in Paternity Actions	36,289	33,154	81,906	81,906	81,906	81,906	-
HUSKY B Program	14,948,460	26,291,749	29,950,000	32,760,000	33,190,000	33,190,000	-
Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	-	-	18,370,000	18,370,000	7,265,000	7,265,000	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Medicaid	3,380,727,893	3,605,974,692	3,871,480,000	3,950,330,000	3,944,465,000	3,942,934,000	(1,531,000)
Old Age Assistance	47,557,572	52,915,460	60,750,000	56,900,000	62,600,000	62,600,000	-
Aid To The Blind	566,099	636,107	873,700	657,800	960,000	960,000	-
Aid To The Disabled	52,986,819	53,812,971	57,220,000	56,020,000	59,300,000	59,300,000	-
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	56,376,381	60,043,289	52,900,000	75,400,000	54,000,000	54,000,000	-
Emergency Assistance	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
Food Stamp Training Expenses	-	11,030	9,341	9,341	9,341	9,341	-
DMHAS-Disproportionate Share	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	-
Connecticut Home Care Program	41,363,835	45,634,881	52,750,000	51,180,000	56,180,000	56,180,000	-
Human Resource Development-Hispanic Programs	1,225,409	877,142	1,095,342	1,070,348	1,070,348	1,070,348	-
Safety Net Services	1,495,191	1,495,191	1,535,176	1,500,145	1,500,145	1,500,145	-
Refunds Of Collections	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	-
Services for Persons With Disabilities	283,698	293,392	316,892	309,661	309,661	309,661	-
Nutrition Assistance	1,020,941	1,020,941	27,590,688	6,020,994	6,020,994	3,020,994	(3,000,000)
State Administered General Assistance	16,736,210	18,969,025	14,180,000	19,000,000	15,056,000	15,056,000	-
Connecticut Children's Medical Center	11,138,737	11,138,737	13,138,737	13,138,737	13,138,737	13,138,737	-
Community Services	7,921,763	8,528,682	19,611,793	10,992,162	13,075,499	17,284,299	4,208,800
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	4,289,765	4,039,191	6,465,177	4,274,240	4,260,339	7,174,240	2,913,901
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	1,281,171	1,272,719	1,425,457	1,394,639	1,394,639	1,394,639	-
Domestic Violence Shelters	7,650,170	7,650,169	8,829,030	8,650,381	8,650,381	8,650,381	-
Hospital Supplemental Payments	568,299,998	568,300,000	568,300,000	778,300,000	708,300,000	-	(708,300,000)
Regional Hospice of Western CT	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-
Affordable Care Act Subsidies	-	-	50,760,000	-	-	-	-
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Municipality	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	-
Agency Total - General Fund	**4,646,126,083**	**4,892,132,147**	**5,292,205,346**	**5,524,212,461**	**5,432,850,097**	**4,722,872,276**	**(709,977,821)**

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	179,478	-	(179,478)
Fringe Benefits	-	-	-	-	140,083	-	(140,083)
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**319,561**	**-**	**(319,561)**
Total - Appropriated Funds	**4,646,126,083**	**4,892,132,147**	**5,292,205,346**	**5,524,212,461**	**5,433,169,658**	**4,722,872,276**	**(710,297,382)**

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Policy Revisions

Increase Payments to Hospitals

Hospital Supplemental Payments	-	255,000,000	255,000,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**255,000,000**	**255,000,000**

Background

Section 363 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, requires DSS to make payments to hospitals, through supplemental payment pools, disproportionate share hospital payments, hospital-affiliated medical group payments and faculty practice plan payments, beginning in FY 27. The budget assumes total associated payments of $963.3 million in FY 27.

Legislative

Provide funding of $255 million in FY 27 to reflect increased payments to hospitals as follows: Hospital Supplemental Pool Payments ($56 million), Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments ($94 million), and Medical Group Payments ($105 million). Related federal grants revenue of $147.6 million reflects the federal share of such payments.

Transfer Hospital Funding to Hospital Supplemental Payment Account

Hospital Supplemental Payments	-	(963,300,000)	(963,300,000)
Total - General Fund	**-**	**(963,300,000)**	**(963,300,000)**

Background

Sections 357-363 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, address the hospital provider tax and hospital supplemental payments through FY 31. Section 359 establishes the non-appropriated hospital supplemental payment account, into which hospital tax revenue will be deposited and from which supplemental payments will be made. Note, this policy change will move forward effective July 1, 2026, but requires federal approval via the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to be fully implemented.

Legislative

Transfer funding of $963.3 million in FY 27 from the General Fund to the Hospital Supplemental Payment account. Funding supports the following: Hospital Supplemental Pool Payments ($764.3 million), Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments ($94 million), and Medical Group Payments ($105 million).

Provide Funding to Increase Medicaid Provider Rates

Medicaid	-	30,000,000	30,000,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**30,000,000**	**30,000,000**

Legislative

Provide funding of $30 million in FY 27 to support increases to Medicaid provider rates. DSS must report to the Appropriations and Human Services Committees with recommended provider increases by February 1, 2027.

Pursue Medicaid Efficiencies

Medicaid	-	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)
Total - General Fund	**-**	**(25,000,000)**	**(25,000,000)**

Legislative

Reduce funding by $25 million in FY 27 to reflect Medicaid efficiencies.

Increase Medicaid Rates for Optometrists

Medicaid	-	850,000	850,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**850,000**	**850,000**

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Legislative

Provide funding of $850,000 in FY 27 to increase Medicaid rates for optometrists to the rates established for ophthalmologist for equivalent and similar services. Section 40 of PA 26-76 is related to this change.

Adjust Funding for Birth to Three Rates

Medicaid	1,600,000	1,600,000	-
Total - General Fund	**1,600,000**	**1,600,000**	**-**

Background

Birth to Three service providers are funded through DSS Medicaid payments as well as through contracts under the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). The Birth to Three rate study conducted by Public Consulting Group and published in January 2024 provides recommendations that include increased rates and a new tiered rate system based on provider experience and credentialing levels.

Governor

Provide funding of $1.6 million in FY 27 to reflect tiered rates under the Birth to Three program. Related funding of $2.4 million is recommended under OEC to support a coinciding increase via OEC contracts.

Legislative

Provide funding of $1.6 million in FY 27 to reflect increased Medicaid rates for the Birth to Three program, under the current rate structure.

Provide Funding for PANS/PANDAS Treatment and Scalp Cooling Systems

Other Expenses	-	39,000	39,000
Medicaid	-	19,000	19,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**58,000**	**58,000**

Background

PA 26-33, *AAC Health Coverage Mandates for Certain Health Conditions*, requires coverage for the treatment of several conditions including (1) Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) treatments, and (2) scalp cooling systems associated with chemotherapy.

Legislative

Provide funding of $58,000 to support costs for PANS/PANDAS treatment and scalp cooling systems on the Exchange ($39,000) and for Covered CT enrollees ($19,000). Sections 2-5 of PA 26-33 are related to this change.

Reflect Adding Antiretroviral Drugs to the Preferred Drug List

Medicaid	(950,000)	(950,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**(950,000)**	**(950,000)**	**-**

Governor

Reduce funding by $950,000 in FY 27 to reflect the addition of antiretroviral drugs to the Preferred Drug List (PDL), resulting in state savings due to supplemental rebates.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 443 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, is related to this change.

Provide Funding to Support Nursing Homes with Impact of Patient Driven Payment Model

Medicaid	13,100,000	13,100,000	-
Total - General Fund	**13,100,000**	**13,100,000**	**-**

Background

The Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) classifies patients into payment groups based on specific, data-driven patient characteristics (using standardized ICD-10 diagnosis codes), in lieu of basing payments on the volume of services provided. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized the PDPM case mix classification model and replaced the Resource Utilization Group, Version IV (RUG-IV) as the *Medicare* resident classification system for nursing facility residents effective 10/1/19. Connecticut has maintained a RUG-based acuity system for Medicaid through an optional state assessment (OSA), which is no longer available.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Governor

Provide funding of $13.1 million in FY 27 to reflect support for nursing homes in the transition to the PDPM. Offsetting savings of $22.4 million due to the implementation of PDPM, effective 7/1/26, are reflected in a separate Medicaid current services adjustment.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 446 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, is related to this change.

Provide Funding to Support Increased FI Requirements

Personal Services	-	82,000	82,000
Other Expenses	-	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**182,000**	**182,000**
Positions - General Fund	**-**	**1**	**1**

Legislative

Provide funding of $182,000 in FY 27 to support a position and increased contract funding for GTI, the fiscal intermediary. Section 17 of PA 26-12 is related to this change.

Support Oversight of Private Equity Ownership in Nursing Homes

Personal Services	-	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**100,000**	**100,000**

Legislative

Provide funding of $100,000 in FY 27 and one position to oversee private equity ownerships in nursing homes. PA 26-103 (as amended) is related to this change.

Adjust Funding for Community First Choice

Medicaid	9,200,000	-	(9,200,000)
Total - General Fund	**9,200,000**	**-**	**(9,200,000)**

Background

Community First Choice (CFC), an optional service under the Connecticut Medicaid state plan (effective 7/1/15), provides home and community-based attendant services and supports to individuals who would otherwise require institutional care. States receive a six percent increase in the federal match rate for these services. For context, gross program costs totaled approximately $88.8 million in FY 18 for 2,400 paid cases. In FY 25, gross expenditures totaled approximately $371 million for 5,800 cases.

Governor

Provide funding of $9.2 million in FY 27 to reflect sunsetting CFC as a state plan option and transitioning eligible participants to waivers. This assumes CFC intake closes as of 10/1/26 and all program admissions stop as of 4/1/27. FY 27 costs include the loss of the enhanced 6% match available under CFC. Overall, the policy change is anticipated to reduce state costs by $8.1 million in FY 28 and $57.8 million in FY 29.

Legislative

Do not provide $9.2 million in FY 27, to reflect maintaining CFC as a state plan option.

Adjust MED-Connect Income and Asset Limits

Medicaid	(1,000,000)	-	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	**(1,000,000)**	**-**	**1,000,000**

Background

PA 24-81 expanded income and asset eligibility for the Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities Program (MED-Connect). Effective April 1, 2025, the income limit increased from $75,000 per year to $85,000 and assets increased from $10,000 for individuals and $15,000 for married couples to $20,000 and $30,000, respectively. Eligibility expansions continue annually from 7/1/26 until 7/1/29 when all limits are lifted. Income limits are increased by $10,000 annually and assets are increased by $10,000 for individuals and $15,000 for married couples.

Governor

Reduce funding by $1 million in FY 27 to reflect maintaining MED-Connect eligibility at April 2025 levels (income limit of $85,000 and asset limit of $20,000 for individuals and $30,000 for couples).

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Legislative

Maintain funding to reflect the continued eligibility expansion of MED-Connect.

Adjust Funding for Emergency Medicaid Expansion

Other Expenses	(700,000)	(700,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**(700,000)**	**(700,000)**	**-**

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided $700,000 in FY 27 to support system adjustments to enable individuals to apply in advance for emergency Medicaid coverage for emergency medical conditions that can be treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency departments.

Governor

Reduce funding by $700,000 in FY 27 to reflect maintaining the current structure of emergency Medicaid services.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Address Changes in Eligibility Requirements under Public Law 119-21

Personal Services	3,270,000	-	(3,270,000)
Total - General Fund	**3,270,000**	**-**	**(3,270,000)**
Positions - General Fund	**50**	**50**	**-**

Background

P.L. 119-21, the federal 2025 Budget Reconciliation Law, requires various changes to health care and nutrition assistance policy. These changes primarily impact eligibility for and the administration of Medicaid and SNAP, including community engagement and work requirements and more frequent eligibility determinations.

Governor

Provide funding of $3,270,000 and 50 positions in FY 27 to reflect increased eligibility operations related to P.L. 119-21.

Legislative

Utilize special reserve funding of $3,270,000 to support 50 positions to reflect increased eligibility operations related to P.L. 119-21.

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(150,000)	(150,000)	-
Community Services	1,150,000	1,150,000	-
Regional Hospice of Western CT	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**-**	**-**	**-**

Governor

Transfer funding of $1 million from the Regional Hospice of Western CT line item and $150,000 from Other Expenses to the Community Services account in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Maintain Legislative Grants

Community Services	(830,800)	-	830,800
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	(13,901)	-	13,901
Total - General Fund	**(844,701)**	**-**	**844,701**

Governor

Reduce the Community Services and Human Services Infrastructure accounts by $844,701 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Adjust Funding for Legislative Grants

Nutrition Assistance	-	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Community Services	-	3,228,000	3,228,000
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	-	2,900,000	2,900,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**3,128,000**	**3,128,000**

Legislative

Provide funding of $3,128,000 in FY 27 to reflect a net increase in spending for various grantees.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Provide Funding for LARCs

Community Services	-	250,000	250,000
Total - General Fund	**-**	**250,000**	**250,000**

Legislative

Provide funding of $250,000 in FY 27 to support a contract to provide long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) to individuals served by FQHCs.

Standardize Benefit Levels in the State Administered General Assistance Program

State Administered General Assistance	56,000	56,000	-
Total - General Fund	**56,000**	**56,000**	**-**

Background

The State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program provides limited cash assistance to individuals who are unable to work for medical or other prescribed reasons. Individuals are considered transitional if they have no shelter expenses and their unemployability status is pending medical review. Transitional individuals receive a lower monthly benefit until their employability status is confirmed, at which point benefits are retroactively adjusted to the full monthly benefit.

Governor

Provide funding of $56,000 in FY 27 to reflect eliminating a reduced monthly benefit for transitional individuals.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 442 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, is related to this change.

Reduce Other Expenses Related to FY 26 Carry Forward

Other Expenses	-	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
Total - General Fund	**-**	**(1,500,000)**	**(1,500,000)**

Background

The FY 26 and FY 27 biennial budget provided $1.5 million in FY 26 and $1 million in FY 27 for intensive behavioral health supports to children in a school setting. Funding was not distributed in FY 26.

Legislative

Reduce funding by $1.5 million in FY 27 to reflect the use of FY 26 carry forward funding to support a grant to Effective School Solutions in FY 27.

Sunset CHESS and Transfer Supportive Housing Funding to DMHAS

Medicaid	(375,000)	(375,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**(375,000)**	**(375,000)**	**-**

Background

The Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) program was intended to provide healthcare and housing services to individuals with mental health, substance use and other serious health conditions through a collaboration with several state agencies and non-profit providers. An interagency workgroup recommended sunsetting the program due to a combination of logistical barriers (including federal requirements, limited housing subsidies and non-Medicaid eligible costs), and instead providing supportive housing services to clients via the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Governor

Transfer funding of $375,000 in FY 27 to reflect sunsetting the CHESS program and providing supportive housing services to clients via DMHAS.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Eliminate OHS and Transfer Functions to Various Agencies

Personal Services	-	179,478	179,478
Total - General Fund	**-**	**179,478**	**179,478**
Positions - General Fund	**-**	**1**	**1**
Personal Services	179,478	-	(179,478)
Fringe Benefits	140,083	-	(140,083)
Total - Insurance Fund	**319,561**	**-**	**(319,561)**
Positions - Insurance Fund	**1**	**-**	**(1)**

Background

PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, transfers $16.2 million and 42 positions from the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to six agencies in FY 27, which will assume responsibilities related to the agency's various programs including overseeing the Certificate of Need process and managing the Health Information Exchange.

Governor

Transfer $319,561 and one position from OHS to DSS in FY 27. This transfers Achieving Healthcare Efficiency through Accountable Design (AHEAD) grant activities to DSS.

Legislative

Transfer $179,478 and one position from OHS within the Insurance Fund to DSS under the General Fund in FY 27. This transfers Achieving Healthcare Efficiency through Accountable Design (AHEAD) grant activities to DSS.

Transfer DPH Grants for Federally Qualified Health Centers to DSS

Community Services	575,000	575,000	-
Total - General Fund	**575,000**	**575,000**	**-**

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding through DPH to support two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs): Fair Haven Community Health Center ($500,000 within the Community Health Services account) and Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center ($75,000 within the Other Expenses account). The Department of Social Services (DSS) currently provides funding to FQHCs via both grants and Medicaid payments.

Governor

Transfer funding of $575,000 in FY 27 from DPH to DSS to centralize the administration of payments to FQHCs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for Building One Community from DSS to DECD

Community Services	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
Total - General Fund	**-**	**(100,000)**	**(100,000)**

Background

Building One Community is a nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive resource center for recent immigrants in the Stamford region.

Under PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, Building One Community received two separate grant appropriations: $100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 each under the Department of Social Services and $150,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 each under the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Legislative

Transfer funding of $100,000 in FY 27 to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a grant to Building One Community. In total, the FY 27 grant appropriation to Building One Community is $275,000.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Extend General Rate Increases under Group Home Agreement to Intermediate Care Facilities

Medicaid	1,100,000	1,900,000	800,000
Total - General Fund	**1,100,000**	**1,900,000**	**800,000**

Background

The group home settlement, funded in the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided general wage increases for DDS private providers and an additional increase for DDS residential private providers. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) were considered DDS residential providers under the agreement and funding was appropriated in DSS. The general wage increases (2% in FY 26, 3% in FY 27, and 3.3% in FY 28) were not applied to ICF rates.

Governor

Provide funding of $1.1 million in FY 27 to reflect a 3% general rate increase for ICFs to align with increases provided under the group home settlement.

Legislative

Provide funding of $1.9 million in FY 27 to reflect a 3% general rate increase for ICFs to align with increases provided under the group home settlement, as required by section 64 of PA 26-1.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Align with a Change in Policy Related to State Health Plan Charges

Hospital Supplemental Payments	(70,000,000)	(70,000,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**(70,000,000)**	**(70,000,000)**	**-**

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, increased Hospital Supplemental Payments by $70 million in conjunction with a reduction in healthcare costs under the Office of the Comptroller due to lower hospital rates paid by the state employee and non-Medicare retiree health plans.

Governor

Reduce funding by $70 million in FY 27 to reflect the reversal of a policy related to health care savings that is no longer moving forward.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Comply with Federal Requirements Related to Justice-Involved Youth

Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	6,870,000	6,870,000	-
Total - General Fund	**6,870,000**	**6,870,000**	**-**

Background

Effective 7/1/26, federal law (per the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023) requires states to provide targeted case management (TCM) and early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) to eligible juveniles within 30 days of their scheduled release from a carceral setting.

Governor

Funding of $6,870,000 is provided in FY 27 to reflect anticipated costs to comply with federal requirements to improve care coordination and physical and behavioral health outcomes for justice involved youth.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Provide Funding for COLAs for Certain Federally-Funded Providers

Community Services	1,189,137	1,189,137	-
Total - General Fund	**1,189,137**	**1,189,137**	**-**

Background

Cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for certain federally-funded providers have been supported by carryforward funding available under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in recent years. CSBG carryforward funding will no longer be available to support such costs.

Governor

Provide funding of $1,189,137 in FY 27 to reflect a return to general fund support for cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for certain providers.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services- Other Expenses

Other Expenses	2,750,000	2,750,000	-
Total - General Fund	**2,750,000**	**2,750,000**	**-**

Governor

Provide funding of $2,750,000 in FY 27 to reflected anticipated expenditure requirements in Other Expenses. This includes funding for Connie fees paid on behalf of the DSS Administrative Services Organization (ASO).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding Related to the Substance Use Disorder Waiver

Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	(17,975,000)	(17,975,000)	-
Medicaid	2,950,000	2,950,000	-
Total - General Fund	**(15,025,000)**	**(15,025,000)**	**-**

Background

Funding is transferred from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the Departments of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services and to the Judicial Department to reflect program supports in the appropriate agency. FY 26 funding is transferred from DSS to meet program requirements via interagency agreements.

Governor

Transfer funding of $15,025,000 in FY 27 to DCF, DMHAS, and Judicial to meet program requirements related to the substance use disorder waiver. Funding of $2,950,000 is maintained in DSS but transferred to the Medicaid line item to support related services for Medicaid members.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services- Medicaid

Medicaid	(31,490,000)	(31,490,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**(31,490,000)**	**(31,490,000)**	**-**

Background

Medicaid provides remedial, preventive, and long-term medical care for income eligible aged, blind or disabled individuals (HUSKY C), low-income adults (HUSKY D) and families with children (HUSKY A). Payment is made directly to health care providers, by the department, for services delivered to eligible individuals. Medicaid services individuals across the HUSKY Health programs as follows: approximately 500,000 individuals in HUSKY A, 85,000 in HUSKY C, and 307,000 in HUSKY D. The program complies with federal Medicaid law (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) and regulations. In addition, the account provides coverage for services to certain individuals who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid, except for their immigration status, using state only funds. As of December 2025, this state-only medical group includes approximately 15,400 children as well as 3,000 women receiving postpartum services.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Governor

Reduce funding by $31,490,000 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Medicaid. Adjustments include the shift to the patient driven payment model for nursing homes (state savings of $22.4 million), as well as the implementation of P.L. 119-21 related to certain non-citizens and Medicaid work requirements (state savings of $22.5 million).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services- HUSKY B

HUSKY B Program	430,000	430,000	-
Total - General Fund	**430,000**	**430,000**	**-**

Background

The HUSKY B Program provides health coverage for children of families with incomes in excess of 201% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) up to 323% FPL. HUSKY program expenditures typically receive 65% federal reimbursement. HUSKY B also supports prenatal services for pregnant women under the unborn child option (approximately 1,700 cases) as well as state-funded coverage for children ages 15 and under regardless of immigration status (approximately 300 cases). As of December 2025, a total of approximately 25,600 individuals were enrolled under HUSKY B.

Governor

Provide funding of $430,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under HUSKY B.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services- Supplemental Assistance Program

Old Age Assistance	5,700,000	5,700,000	-
Aid To The Blind	302,200	302,200	-
Aid To The Disabled	3,280,000	3,280,000	-
Total - General Fund	**9,282,200**	**9,282,200**	**-**

Background

State Supplemental programs consist of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Disabled. These programs provide monthly financial assistance to low-income individuals. These programs are entirely state funded but operate under both state and federal guidelines. To receive benefits, an individual must have another source of income to supplement, such as federal Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or Veteran's Benefits. All recipients are automatically eligible for health care benefits under the state's Medicaid program. As of December 2025, paid cases totaled approximately 5,400 per month under Aid to the Disabled, 3,800 under Old Age Assistance, and 60 under Aid to the Blind.

Governor

Provide funding of $9,282,200 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services- Temporary Family Assistance (TFA)

Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	(21,400,000)	(21,400,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**(21,400,000)**	**(21,400,000)**	**-**

Background

The Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families. The TFA program limits assistance to 36 months for non-exempt cases, with possible extensions. Individuals in the TFA program are usually eligible for health care services provided under the state's Medicaid program. The standard of need is 55% FPL. Families with income above 100% FPL and up to 170% FPL can remain on the program for six months with no impact to their benefits, while families above 170% FPL and up to 230% FPL can remain on the program for six months with a 20% reduction in their benefit level. The asset limit is $6,000. TFA currently supports a monthly caseload of approximately 5,800 at an average cost per case of $730 per month.

Governor

Reduce funding by $21.4 million in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Temporary Family Assistance.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor

Legislative
Same as Governor

Update Current Services- Connecticut Home Care Program

Connecticut Home Care Program	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Total - General Fund	**5,000,000**	**5,000,000**	**-**

Background
The state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program (CHCP) provides home and community-based services to the elderly who are at risk of nursing home placement and meet the program's financial eligibility criteria. Category 2 is targeted to individuals who are frail enough to require nursing facility care but have resources that would prevent them from qualifying for Medicaid upon admission to a nursing facility. The program supports a monthly caseload of approximately 1,900 state-funded clients.

Governor
Provide funding of $5 million in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements for CHCP.

Legislative
Same as Governor

Update Current Services- State Administered General Assistance (SAGA)

State Administered General Assistance	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	-
Total - General Fund	**(4,000,000)**	**(4,000,000)**	**-**

Background
The State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program provides limited cash assistance to individuals who are unable to work for medical or other prescribed reasons. The program supports approximately 3,500 cases each month with an average cost per case of $260.

Governor
Reduce funding by $4 million in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under SAGA.

Legislative
Same as Governor

Carryforward

Provide Carry Forward Funding for Effective School Solutions

Other Expenses	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	**-**	**1,500,000**	**1,500,000**

Background
The FY 26 and FY 27 Budget provided $1.5 million in FY 26 and $1 million in FY 27 for intensive behavioral health supports to children in a school setting. Funding was not distributed in FY 26. A related policy change reduces FY 27 funding by $1.5 million.

Legislative
Provide carry forward funding of $1.5 million in FY 27 to reflect support for children's mental health programming for students in Newington, Wethersfield, Cromwell, Rocky Hill, and Middletown via a grant to Effective School Solutions. Sections 17 and 49 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, are related to this change.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	5,524,212,461	5,524,212,461	-
Policy Revisions	25,031,299	(684,946,522)	(709,977,821)
Current Services	(116,393,663)	(116,393,663)	-
Total Recommended - GF	**5,432,850,097**	**4,722,872,276**	**(709,977,821)**
Original Appropriation - IF	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	319,561	-	(319,561)
Total Recommended - IF	**319,561**	**-**	**(319,561)**

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	1,837	1,837	-
Policy Revisions	50	52	2
Total Recommended - GF	**1,887**	**1,889**	**2**
Original Appropriation - IF	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	1	-	(1)
Total Recommended - IF	**1**	**-**	**(1)**

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
Community Services				
Catholic Charities	Savings	270,000	(270,000)	-
Clelian Adult Day Center	Operational support	-	100,000	100,000
Community Foundation for Greater New Haven	Healthcare services through OpenCare PLLC for individuals in Greater New Haven	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Community Health and Wellness	Operational support for Torrington and North Canaan	-	50,000	50,000
Cornell Scott Hill Health Center	Primary care, behavioral health, dental, and substance use disorder treatment to residents of Greater New Haven	-	250,000	250,000
Fair Haven Community Health Clinic	Operational contract	300,000	800,000	1,100,000
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich	Resettlement support	825,667	123,000	948,667
Ministerial Health Fellowship	Community health workers, public health programming and community outreach	-	125,000	125,000
New Reach	Services for individuals and families experiencing/at risk of homelessness in the Greater New Haven and Bridgeport areas	100,000	250,000	350,000
Purple Pantry Boxes (Milford)	Food pantry	-	25,000	25,000
Regional Hospice of Western CT	Operational Support and expansion of pediatric programming	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
School Based Health Center Association	Operational support	-	500,000	500,000

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
Stamford Health Child & Adolescent EmPATH Unit	Operational support	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
TEEG (Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group)	Operational contract	100,000	150,000	250,000
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program				
New Opportunities	Operational support	-	2,400,000	2,400,000
The Access Community Action Agency	Operational support	-	500,000	500,000
Nutrition Assistance				
CT Foodshare	Purchasing food for distribution at pantries across the state, with 15% of funds being used for purchases at Connecticut farms	5,000,000	(3,000,000)	2,000,000
Other Expenses				
Effective School Solutions	Intensive behavioral health supports for children in a school setting	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-
Portable Shower Pilot	Portable Shower Pilot Program	150,000	(150,000)	-
Regional Hospice of Western CT				
Regional Hospice of Western CT	Transfer to Community Services Account	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-
CARRYFORWARD				
Other Expenses				
Effective School Solutions	Children's mental health programming for students (Newington, Wethersfield, Cromwell, Rocky Hill and Middletown)	-	1,000,000	1,000,000