

**AGENDA
SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1
ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GILBERT CEDILLO, CHAIR

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 444
3:30 P.M.**

HEALTH OVERVIEW

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
4260	Department of Health Services
4280	Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

The Department of Health Services (DHS) proposed budget for 1999-00 is about \$23.5 billion (all funds). This represents an increase of \$881 million, or 3.9 percent, over estimated current year expenditures. The budget proposes \$7.86 billion from the General Fund, which is \$112 million below estimated current year expenditures. Most of these funds, approximately 90 percent, support the Medi-Cal program, and the remainder supports public health activities including disease control and prevention, environmental hazard control, and health care services.

MANAGED RISK MEDICAL INSURANCE BOARD

The budget proposes total expenditures of approximately \$289 million for the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) for 1999-00, an increase of \$135 million, or 88 percent. Most of this increase is related to implementation of the Healthy Families program.

MRMIB administers several programs that provide health insurance to individuals and groups who traditionally have had difficulty obtaining health coverage in the private insurance market. Specific groups served by these programs include individuals who have been denied coverage due to pre-existing conditions, low-income families (primarily women and infants) who do not qualify for Medi-Cal, and small businesses.