

THE 2001 STATE BUDGET

HEALTH SERVICES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

The Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) co-ordinates emergency medical services statewide; develops guidelines for local emergency medical services (EMS) system; regulates the education training and certification of EMS personnel; and co-ordinates the State's medical response to any disaster.

MAJOR PROVISIONS

The major provisions of the Emergency Medical Services Authority budget include:

- **Trauma System-** The budget provides a \$25 million Legislative augmentation for trauma care centers and a \$5 million augmentation for trauma care system planning on a one-time only basis.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is responsible for protecting the health of the public at large through various programs aimed at disease control, food safety and environmental safety, as well as providing publicly-subsidized health insurance (through the Medi-Cal program) to individuals who are unable to afford private health insurance.

MAJOR PROVISIONS

The major provisions of the Medi-Cal budget include:

MEDI-CAL PROGRAM

- **Long-term Care Rates -** The budget provides a \$46.7 million for a rate increase for the long-term care industry and \$7 million for a supplemental wage adjustment.

- **Distinct Part Nursing Facilities** - The budget establishes a supplemental payment program for Distinct Part Nursing Facilities, using local government funds (\$19.7 million) as the state's Medi-Cal match.
- **Hospital Outpatient Rates** - The budget appropriates \$175 million General Fund and a like amount of Federal Funds for settlement of the Orthopaedic Hospital Settlement. The budget also increases hospital outpatient rates beginning July 1, 2001 by 30 percent as required by the Orthopaedic Hospital Settlement. In addition, the Settlement also requires the state to increase hospital outpatient rates annually by 3.33 percent effective July 1 in each of the three subsequent years.
- **Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics** - The budget includes trailer bill language to require the Department to conduct a study of the effects of federally mandated Prospective Payment System on Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. In addition the budget provides \$2.5 million in increased funding in the new rate methodology.
- **Foster Care** - The budget augments by \$250,000 General Fund and includes trailer bill language to ensure full and immediate access to health care for children in foster care. The budget includes trailer bill language to clarify the procedures for removing any indication of other health coverage, other than Medi-Cal from a foster child's Medi-Cal eligibility information.
- **Breast and Cervical Cancer** - The budget adopts the Federal Medi-Cal option for Breast and Cervical Cancer, \$6.2 million General Fund
- **Single-point-of-entry** - The budget provides \$2.44 million General Fund to allow Medi-Cal and/or Healthy Families applicants applying through the single-point-of-entry to obtain accelerated eligibility.
- **Annual Re-determination.** - The health budget trailer bill included language to provide for annual eligibility re-determination for adults in Medi-Cal.
- **Gynecological Cancers** - The health budget trailer bill includes language to require the Department of Health Services to report to the Legislature any changes in federal law permitting the state to expand Medi-Cal to include other gynecological cancers.
- **Personal Needs Allowance** - The budget contains funding, \$32,00 General Fund, to raise the Medi-Cal Personal Needs Allowance to the level of SSI/SSP.
- **Medi-Cal Emergency Regulation Authority** - The health budget trailer bill includes language to circumscribe emergency regulation authority for Medi-Cal Managed Care.

- **Medi-Cal/Healthy Families Outreach** The budget includes a total of \$39.6 million for Medi-Cal/Healthy Families outreach, a net increase of \$5.3 million. In addition, the budget includes \$5 million Proposition 10 funding for the outreach efforts. The additional \$5 million is dependent upon the Children and Families Commission approving the expenditure for outreach efforts.

PUBLIC HEALTH

■ MAJOR PROVISIONS

The major provisions of the Public Health budget include:

- **Community Health Clinics** - The budget includes a \$10 million General Fund Legislative augmentation for the Expanded Access to Primary Care (EAPC) Clinic Program which provides funding for and increased access to all clinics that provide primary care.
- **HIV/AIDS** - The Legislature augmented funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) by \$15.3 million total funds to cover increased drug prices and increased caseload.
- **Bi-National Migrant Health Initiative** - The budget provides \$1 million General Fund in funding for a Bi-National Migrant Health Initiative between California and Mexico.

MANAGED RISK MEDICAL INSURANCE BOARD

The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) contracts to provide health insurance coverage to populations that have traditionally had a difficult time obtaining private insurance due to pre-existing conditions, or the high cost of insurance. The MRMIB also administers the Healthy Families Program.

■ MAJOR PROVISIONS

The major provisions of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board budget include:

- **Healthy Families Program** - The budget provides \$8.9 million General Fund and appropriate federal matching money to include parents with incomes between 200 and 250 percent of Federal Poverty Level.

- **Managed Risk Medical Insurance Program** - The budget provides \$5 million General Fund for the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program. The Governor's veto of accompanying budget bill language makes the funds available for MRMIP enrollment and/or other private sector market-based efforts to improve access to health insurance for medically uninsurable persons.
- **Application Assistance** - The health budget trailer bill language contains language that will enable Dental and Vision Plans to provide application assistance in the Healthy Families program just as Health Plans can do.

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is responsible under the Lanterman Act for ensuring that persons with developmental disabilities receive the services and support they need to help lead more independent and productive lives, and allow them to make choices and decisions about their own lives.

■ MAJOR PROVISIONS

The major provisions of the Department of Developmental Services budget include:

- **Regional Center Employment Contracts** - The health budget trailer bill contains language that requires all employment contracts between the Department of Developmental Services and Regional Centers be available to the public for review.
- **Consumer Complaints** - The health budget trailer bill contains language to streamline the consumer complaint process and require the Department to compile the number of complaints filed by each regional and developmental center, the subject matter of each complaint and a summary of each decision.
- **Regional Centers Purchase of Services** - The health budget trailer bill contains language to ensure that data analyses and report findings from the regional centers purchase of services study be available to the Legislature and the public.
- **Diagnosis of Autism** - The health budget trailer bill contains language that requires the Department to develop evaluation and diagnostic procedures for the diagnosis of autism and related disorders, publish and make the guidelines available to the public and work out a training program for regional center staff.

- **Early Start** - The health budget trailer bill contains language to require that procedures for vendorization and rate setting for services provided through the Early Start Program comply with existing Lanterman Act provisions unless compliance would conflict with the State's Early Start Program or with federal law.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

The Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of mental health treatment services through a state-county partnership as well as the involuntary treatment of the mentally disabled. The DMH operates four state hospitals for the mentally disabled and acute psychiatric units at the California Medical facility in Vacaville.

■ MAJOR PROVISIONS

The major provisions of the Department of Mental Health budget include:

- **Integrated Services for Homeless Adults** - The Legislature augmented the budget for Integrated Services for Homeless Adults by \$10 million General Fund.
- **Community Treatment Facilities** - The Legislature augmented the budget by \$1.2 million General Fund for Community Treatment Facilities.
- **Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers** - The health budget trailer bill repealed the sunset of Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers.
- **Traumatic Brain Injury** - The budget provides \$300,000 to establish two new Traumatic Brain Injury program sites.
- **SAMHSA Block Grant** - The budget provides an increase of \$8.483 million from federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Block Grant to treat clients who are dually diagnosed.
- **Homeless Mentally III** - The budget provides an increase of \$1.038 million from the federal Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness for assistance to counties to assist persons who are homeless and have a mental illness.