

BUDGET BILL JR. (2024 BUDGET AGREEMENT) SUMMARY – SB 108

Please note, the below summary only highlights items anticipated to be of interest to local health departments. Please note, several actions are rolled up into larger appropriations figures to state departments/agencies and not clearly identified by a line item.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research Reorganization

- Reflects reorganization of Governor's Office of Planning & Research into: 1) Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and 2) Governor's Office of Service and Community Engagement.
- Specifies the Governor's Office of Service and Community Engagement houses the Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications (OCPSC), California Volunteers, and the Youth Empowerment Commission.

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) & California Children's Services (CCS) Monitoring & Oversight (M&O)

- Provides \$33.895 million to reimburse counties for the cost of administering the HCPCFC and CCS Compliance Monitoring & Oversight (CCS M&O) Program.
- For 2024-25, DHCS shall authorize a county to deviate from DHCS' established allocation staffing methodology governing the use of the county HCPCFC administrative budget and the CCS M&O Program for the purposes of extending flexibility to the county regarding appropriate staffing necessary to implement and operationalize the HCPCFC program manual requirements and readiness activities for the CCS M&O Program
- For counties to be eligible to deviate from DHCS' allocation staffing methodology, the county shall, by October 1, 2024, provide a report to DHCS articulating the proposed use of the funds to support HCPCFC and CCS M&O activities, including direct and indirect administrative costs. The report shall be approved through the county's Board of Supervisors prior to submission to DHCS, and the county must provide proof of Board of Supervisors approval. Any county that seeks authorization must submit reports detailing the use of the funds in a form and manner required by DHCS.
- Requires DHCS to report to budget committees the number of counties that requested to deviate from the department's methodology and a summary of the magnitude and nature of requests.
- Specifies that if a county deviating from DHCS' methodology is the subject of quality of care concerns or fails to meet performance measures for the applicable program during 2024-25, DHCS may revoke its authorization for flexibility.
- Specifies authority shall only be granted if, and to the extent that, DHCS determines that federal financial participation under the Medi-Cal program is not jeopardized.
- Authorizes DHCS to implement, interpret, and take program actions by means of information notices or similar instructions without taking any further regulatory action.

Safety Net Reserve Transfer

- Authorizes a \$900 million transfer from the Safety Net Reserve Fund to the state General Fund upon order of the Director of Finance

California Bridge Center and Naloxone Distribution Project

- Authorizes \$4 million in expenditure authority from the Opioid Settlements Fund for the California Bridge Program. Use of funds is dependent upon whether DHCS receives federal grant funds of at least \$4 million annually for three years for activities that include training and technical assistance to navigators who facilitate access to medications addition treatment and other substance use disorder therapies.
 - If minimum federal grant funds outlined above are not received, funds must be used for the California Bridge Center.

- If minimum federal grants outlined above are received, funds must be used for the Naloxone Distribution Project.

Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program

- Reverts \$450.7 million General Fund expenditure authority for the final round of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program. Additional rounds will be supported by Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act funding.

Youth Suicide Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program

- Restores exemption from Public Contract Code requirements for the CDPH Youth Suicide Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program.

ADAP Rebate Fund Transfer

- Transfers \$5 million from the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Fund to the Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund to support services related to care and treatment for TGI individuals living with HIV and AIDS.

Future of Public Health – State Operations Reversion

- Reverts \$41.5 million General Fund in CDPH Future of Public Health state operations funds from 2023-24.

CYBHI Public Education and Change Campaign

- Reverts \$28.8 million unspent General Fund from 2023-24 for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Public Education and Change Campaign administered by CDPH.

Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program

- Appropriates \$15 million to the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation for state operations or local assistance for the ICARP Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program. Specifies funds available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2028, and liquidation until June 30, 2030.

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP)

- Specifies certain funding appropriated by the Department of Housing and Community Development shall be subject to legislation enacted during the 2023-24 Regular Session that establishes Round 6 of the HHAP Program and requires increased accountability, efficiency, and urgency from local governments for Round 6 of the HHAP Program.

HCAI Workforce Development Programs

- Reduces appropriations and reverts prior year appropriations for specified health care workforce programs, including the Song-Brown Residency Program

CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project

- Appropriates \$10 million to support the CalFresh California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project pursuant to AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018).

CalWORKs Home Visiting Program

- Reverts the unspent balance of up to \$30 million General Fund from the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program.
- Specifies the funding level appropriated is intended to align with budgeted resources, on a temporary basis, with recent trends in annual expenditures. Provides context around previous year program spending and reversion of funds. Specifies intent of state to not have an adverse impact on service delivery to CalWORKs recipients or result in staffing reductions or layoffs.

CalWORKs Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

- Reverts the unspent balance of up to \$30 million General Fund from the CalWORKs Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

- Specifies the funding level appropriated is intended to align with budgeted resources, on a temporary basis, with recent trends in annual expenditures. Provides context around previous year program spending and reversion of funds. Specifies intent of state to not have an adverse impact on service delivery to CalWORKs recipients or result in staffing reductions or layoffs.