

M00R01
Health Regulatory Commissions
Maryland Department of Health

Budget Amendment

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$125,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) may not be expended until HSCRC submits a report evaluating findings and recommendations from the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland. Specifically, the report should discuss:

- (1) the difference in incremental trauma expenses and standby payments incorporated in regulated hospital rates versus actual incremental trauma costs and standby costs;
- (2) efforts to cover the difference in actual incremental trauma costs and standby costs compared to costs currently paid for through regulated hospital rates;
- (3) plans to implement the recommendation to allow all standby costs for the four primary specialties to be fully included in hospital rates;
- (4) plans to implement recommendations to audit incremental trauma costs and fully account for incremental trauma costs, as opposed to considering these costs as part of hospital efficiency methodology;
- (5) the status of aligning data systems with the Maryland Health Care Commission and Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to enable more complete analysis of trauma care and costs; and
- (6) specific timelines for implementing recommendations made by the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

The report shall be submitted by September 1, 2024, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: Chapters 341 and 342 of 2023 established the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland to study the adequacy of trauma center funding. This language restricts funding for administrative purposes until HSCRC submits a report evaluating findings and recommendations from the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

Information Request

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Due Date

Report on trauma center
funding recommendations

HSCRC

September 1, 2024

N00G
Local Department Operations
Department of Human Services

Budget Amendments

N00G00.08 Assistance Payments

1. Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments or N00G00.03 Child Welfare Services for the purpose of replacing federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families fund spending and to program N00G00.02 Local Family Investment Program **N00I00.04 Director's Office** for the purpose of transferring administrative spending for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer program. Funds not expended shall revert to the General Fund.

Explanation: This language restricts the general funds appropriated for the Assistance Payments program, which supports public benefit programs administered by the Department of Humans Services, to that use only with two exceptions. The first exception is to allow general funds to be transferred to the Foster Care Maintenance Program or Child Welfare Services program to replace Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) fund spending. The freed up TANF could then be spent in Assistance Payments for Temporary Cash Assistance benefits. The second exception would authorize transfers to the ~~Local Family Investment Program~~ **Director's Office** for administrative funding for the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program. Language to require this transfer is included in separate actions. This restriction prevents a transfer of general funds to other programs. This language is consistent with actions on other entitlement programs.

2. Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$9,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be transferred by budget amendment to program N00G00.02 Local Family Investment Program **N00I00.04 Director's Office** to be used only for administrative expenses for the Summer EBT program. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

Explanation: The fiscal 2025 allowance includes \$9.0 million in general funds under the Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Children program that the Department of Human Services indicates will be used for administration of the Summer EBT program. The Assistance Payments program is used for benefit payments only. This language would require a transfer of these funds to the ~~Local Family Investment~~ **Director's Office** Program to be used for the same purpose.

5. Add the following language to the federal fund appropriation:

. provided that \$9,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be transferred by budget amendment to program ~~N00G00.02 — Local Family Investment Program~~ **N00I00.04 Director's Office** to be used only for administrative expenses for the Summer EBT program. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.

Explanation: The fiscal 2025 allowance includes \$9.0 million in federal funds that the Department of Human Services indicates will be used for administration of the Summer EBT program. The Assistance Payments program is used for benefit payments only. This language would require a transfer of these funds to the ~~Local Family Investment~~ **Director's Office** Program to be used for the same purpose.