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# **Health and Human Services Subcommittee**

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**Additional Pages**

**March 17, 2023**

**M00L**  
**Behavioral Health Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendments**

**M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients**

Adopt the following language:

Provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs M00L01.02 Community Services or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements. Funds not expended or transferred shall be reverted or canceled.

**Explanation:** This language restricts the entire appropriation for Medicaid State Funded Mental Health Services for that purpose or for provider reimbursements in M00L01.02 Community Services or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements.

**M00F03**  
**Prevention and Health Promotion Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendment**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the Baltimore City Health Department, submits a report on the timeliness of contract approval and fund distribution under the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. The report shall include, for fiscal 2020 through 2024 year to date:

- (1) the approval and effective dates of MIECHV contracts and subcontracts; and
- (2) the timing of when MIECHV funds were distributed to recipients and subrecipients.

The report shall also discuss reasons for any identified delays in the contract approval and funding distribution process for any pending fiscal 2024 contracts and subcontracts and offer recommendations for ways to process contracts and distribute funds under the MIECHV Program in a timely manner. The report shall be submitted by October 15, 2023, 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 the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** This action restricts funds for administration until the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), in consultation with the Baltimore City Health Department, submits a report on the timeliness of contract approval and fund distribution for recipients and subrecipients participating in the MIECHV Program.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on timeliness of MIECHV contracting and fund distribution	MDH Baltimore City Health Department	October 15, 2023

**M00Q01**  
**Medical Care Programs Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendment**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Office of Enterprise Technology may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health Medical Care Programs Administration submits a report on the feasibility of developing a statewide closed-loop referral platform to connect Medicaid and Maryland Children’s Health Program participants with community-based organizations to address health-related social needs, support interagency collaboration in addressing social determinants of health, and advance health equity priorities. The report shall discuss the feasibility of the platform including each of the following capabilities:

- (1) identifying social care needs through embedded screening and other data analytic tools;
- (2) utilizing an Enterprise Master Person Index to create a longitudinal record of service delivery;
- (3) sharing information securely and consistently with all applicable federal and State laws; and
- (4) tracking and measuring the outcome of referrals and the impact of interventions.

The report shall also discuss how such a platform could be used to coordinate wraparound services to address maternal health disparities and support court-involved individuals receiving reentry support services or participating in diversion programs. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2023, 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 revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** This action restricts funding for administrative purposes until the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submits a report on the feasibility of developing a referral platform with certain outlined capabilities to connect Medicaid and Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) participants with community-based organizations that will help address health-related social needs.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on a referral platform for Medicaid and MCHP participants’ health-related social needs	MDH	October 1, 2023