

Department of Social Services

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	1,910	1,813	1,826	1,761	1,771	1,827	1,837

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	150,180,725	150,872,462	154,061,290	150,719,055	151,620,855	158,758,860	159,660,660
Other Expenses	170,667,008	170,223,974	155,393,116	131,921,000	133,739,200	165,050,000	168,068,200
Other Current Expenses							
Genetic Tests in Paternity Actions	34,621	36,289	81,906	81,906	81,906	81,906	81,906
HUSKY B Program	18,323,313	14,948,460	38,230,000	30,250,000	31,460,000	31,550,000	32,760,000
Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	-	-	18,370,000	18,370,000	18,370,000	18,370,000	18,370,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Medicaid	2,926,434,678	3,380,727,893	3,287,715,431	3,673,630,000	3,882,280,000	3,702,380,000	3,950,330,000
Old Age Assistance	43,344,825	47,557,572	51,346,541	53,530,000	54,310,000	54,450,000	56,900,000
Aid To The Blind	549,620	566,099	619,721	612,200	627,300	623,700	657,800
Aid To The Disabled	51,743,720	52,986,819	50,543,338	52,980,000	53,820,000	53,820,000	56,020,000
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	49,460,669	56,376,381	69,641,000	69,400,000	75,400,000	69,400,000	75,400,000
Emergency Assistance	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
Food Stamp Training Expenses	7,642	-	9,341	9,341	9,341	9,341	9,341
DMHAS-Disproportionate Share	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000
Connecticut Home Care Program	38,164,539	41,363,835	46,720,000	48,050,000	50,680,000	48,450,000	51,180,000
Human Resource Development-Hispanic Programs	888,619	1,225,409	1,043,704	1,070,348	1,070,348	1,070,348	1,070,348
Community Residential Services	769,040,043	-	-	-	-	-	-
Safety Net Services	1,458,012	1,495,191	1,462,802	1,500,145	1,500,145	1,500,145	1,500,145
Refunds Of Collections	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965
Services for Persons With Disabilities	281,617	283,698	301,953	309,661	309,661	309,661	309,661
Nutrition Assistance	821,208	1,020,941	1,000,000	1,020,994	1,920,994	3,020,994	6,020,994
State Administered General Assistance	14,012,163	16,736,210	14,710,000	16,960,000	17,880,000	17,480,000	19,000,000
Connecticut Children's Medical Center	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	13,138,737	13,138,737
Community Services	4,837,671	7,921,763	6,335,965	4,038,162	4,038,162	10,997,162	10,992,162
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	3,969,426	4,289,765	4,177,301	4,204,736	4,204,736	4,274,240	4,274,240
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	1,454,281	1,281,171	1,361,787	1,394,639	1,394,639	1,394,639	1,394,639
Domestic Violence Shelters	7,459,941	7,650,170	7,459,941	9,150,381	9,150,381	8,650,381	8,650,381
Hospital Supplemental Payments	568,300,000	568,299,998	568,300,000	568,300,000	818,300,000	568,300,000	778,300,000
Regional Hospice of Western CT	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Municipality	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Agency Total - General Fund	4,941,696,324	4,646,126,083	4,599,147,121	4,957,764,552	5,432,429,652	5,043,203,361	5,524,212,461

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Increase Hospital Supplemental Payments Related to Updated Provider Tax

Hospital Supplemental Payments	-	140,000,000	-	140,000,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	140,000,000	-	140,000,000	-	-

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, increases Health Provider Tax revenue by \$140 million by updating the base year for the user fee and reducing the tax rate on outpatient services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$140 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. This results in a General Fund revenue gain of \$93.8 million to reflect federal reimbursement for such payments.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 362 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, is related to this change.

Adjust Funding for Hospital Supplemental Payments and Medicaid Rates

Hospital Supplemental Payments	-	110,000,000	-	70,000,000	-	(40,000,000)
Total - General Fund	-	110,000,000	-	70,000,000	-	(40,000,000)

Background

The budget reduces funding under the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) by \$69,572,100 in the General Fund and \$2,680,500 in the Special Transportation Fund in FY 27 to reflect decreased hospital rates for state employees and non-Medicare retirees.

Governor

Provide funding of \$110 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. This change is made in conjunction with a reduction in healthcare costs under the Office of the Comptroller due to lower hospital rates paid by the state employee and non-Medicare retiree health plans. The increased DSS payments result in additional General Fund revenue of \$73.7 million to reflect federal reimbursement associated with such payments.

Legislative

Provide \$70 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. The increase in Hospital Supplemental Payments results in additional General Fund revenue of \$46.9 million to reflect federal reimbursement associated with such payments. Section 28 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, is related to this change.

Provide Funding for Day Kimball Hospital

Medicaid	-	-	4,650,000	2,900,000	4,650,000	2,900,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	4,650,000	2,900,000	4,650,000	2,900,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$4,650,000 million in FY 26 and \$2.9 million FY 27 to reflect Medicaid support for Day Kimball Hospital.

Provide Funding for CCMC

Connecticut Children's Medical Center	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support the Connecticut children's Medical Center (CCMC).

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Increase Rates for Chronic Disease Hospitals

Medicaid	-	-	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$400,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect a Medicaid rate increase for chronic disease hospitals, which include the Hospital for Special Care, Gaylord Hospital, and Mt. Sinai.

Increase Medicaid Provider Rates

Medicaid	10,400,000	25,000,000	15,400,000	45,000,000	5,000,000	20,000,000
Total - General Fund	10,400,000	25,000,000	15,400,000	45,000,000	5,000,000	20,000,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$10.4 million in FY 26 and \$25 million in FY 27 to support rate increases for Medicaid providers.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$15.4 million in FY 26 and \$45 million in FY 27 to reflect rate increases for Medicaid providers. FY 26 includes funding to support behavioral health services (focusing on parity among pediatric and adult rates for similar services), physician outpatient and surgery services, family planning services, and independent audiology and speech and language pathology services. Rate increases are intended to be phased-in to align with the Medicare or five-state benchmarks detailed in phases one and two of the Medicaid rate study. In addition, funds will support the phase-in of rebased rates for federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), as noted in section 351 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget.

Provide Funding to Increase Medication Administration Rates

Medicaid	-	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$300,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to increase home health medication administration rates.

Increase Birth to Three Rates

Medicaid	-	4,500,000	-	2,900,000	-	(1,600,000)
Total - General Fund	-	4,500,000	-	2,900,000	-	(1,600,000)

Background

Birth to Three service providers are funded through DSS Medicaid payments as well as through contracts under the Office of Early Childhood. The Birth to Three rate study conducted by Public Consulting Group and published in January 2024 provides recommendations that include increased rates and a new tiered rate system based on provider experience and credentialing levels.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect increased Medicaid rates for birth to three providers.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2.9 million in FY 27 to increase Medicaid rates for birth to three providers. Related funding of \$3.8 million is provided under OEC to support increased rates via OEC contracts.

Maintain Funding for Ambulance Rates

Medicaid	(4,200,000)	(4,500,000)	-	-	4,200,000	4,500,000
Total - General Fund	(4,200,000)	(4,500,000)	-	-	4,200,000	4,500,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect a 20% reduction in Medicaid rates for ambulance services.

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect current Medicaid rates for ambulance services.

Limit Coverage of Weight Loss Medications for Obesity Only

Medicaid	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	-	-

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

PA 23-94 requires DSS to provide medical assistance for (1) bariatric surgery and related medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with severe obesity, and (2) medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with a body mass index greater than thirty-five, provided such beneficiaries otherwise meet certain conditions. Currently, Medicaid covers weight loss drugs for Medicaid members with type 2 diabetes as well as Wegovy when prescribed to reduce the risk of a major adverse cardiac event.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$28,790,000 in FY 26 and \$16,850,000 in FY 27 to reflect limiting Medicaid coverage of prescription drugs used solely for the purpose of weight loss. This eliminates funding added in the current services update for weight loss only coverage.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 327 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, is related to this change.

Expand Emergency Medicaid Services

Other Expenses	-	-	-	700,000	-	700,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	700,000	-	700,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$700,000 in FY 27 to support system adjustments to enable individuals to apply in advance for emergency Medicaid coverage for emergency medical conditions that can be treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency departments.

Provide Funding for Katie Beckett Wait List

Personal Services	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Medicaid	-	-	900,000	1,900,000	900,000	1,900,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	1	1	1	1

Background

PA 25-42, *An Act Concerning the Katie Beckett Working Group Recommendations*, lowers the maximum age for Katie Beckett participants from 21 to 18, effective 7/1/25. The Katie Beckett Waiver Program serves individuals 18 years of age and younger who have a physical disability and may have a co-occurring developmental disability, who would normally not qualify financially for Medicaid due to family income. The waiver supports home and community-based services (in lieu of institutional care) through case management as well as standard Medicaid covered services (physician, therapy, home health, hospital inpatient and outpatient services). The current wait list is approximately 331 individuals. The average state cost per person is approximately \$25,500 per year.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 and \$2 million in FY 27 to reflect transitioning individuals off the wait list to receive services under the Katie Beckett waiver.

Reduce Funding for PCMH+

Medicaid	-	-	-	(6,000,000)	-	(6,000,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	(6,000,000)	-	(6,000,000)

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$6 million in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of shared savings funding under the PCMH+ program.

Support Nursing Home and ICF Union Agreement

Medicaid	-	-	14,300,000	46,650,000	14,300,000	46,650,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	14,300,000	46,650,000	14,300,000	46,650,000

Background

The budget provides related funding of \$34,011,000 in FY 26 and \$66,100,000 in FY 27 under the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to support the SEIU 1199 agreement. DDS funding provides increases for group home employees.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$14.3 million in FY 26 and \$46.65 million in FY 27 to support increases for nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs).

Funding reflects a rate add-on to support wage increases for certain employees of nursing homes, effective 7/1/25 (3%), 7/1/26 (3%), and 1/1/27 (4%). FY 27 funding also includes a \$5 million pool (state share) from which nursing facilities may receive a one-time

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

supplemental payment to promote workforce retention for nursing facilities offering high standards of health and retirement benefits. The FY 28 supplemental pool is capped at \$27.5 million (state share).

For ICFs, FY 26 funding supports a 1.4% increase over the calculated rate, and FY 27 funding supports a 2.8% rate increase. FY 28 increases will occur effective 7/1/27 (3%) and 1/1/28 (3%).

After considering the federal share, facilities will receive up to approximately \$28.6 million in FY 26 and \$93.3 million in FY 27.

Sections 332-336 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, are related to this change.

Adjust Funding for Statutory Inflation

Medicaid	(14,000,000)	(37,500,000)	(14,000,000)	(37,500,000)	-	-
Old Age Assistance	(920,000)	(2,590,000)	-	-	920,000	2,590,000
Aid To The Blind	(11,500)	(30,500)	-	-	11,500	30,500
Aid To The Disabled	(840,000)	(2,200,000)	-	-	840,000	2,200,000
Total - General Fund	(15,771,500)	(42,320,500)	(14,000,000)	(37,500,000)	1,771,500	4,820,500

Governor

Reduce funding by \$15,771,500 in FY 26 and \$42,320,500 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$14 million in FY 26 and \$36.5 million in FY 27), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1 million in FY 27), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$1,711,500 in FY 26 and \$4,820,500 in FY 27).

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$14 million in FY 26 and \$37.5 million in FY 27 to reflect eliminating the inflationary adjustment for nursing homes and ICFs. Sections 331 and 336 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, are related to this change. Funding is maintained for residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities.

Adjust Funding for Statutory COLAs

Old Age Assistance	(700,000)	(1,320,000)	(700,000)	(1,320,000)	-	-
Aid To The Blind	(2,700)	(5,400)	(2,700)	(5,400)	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	(430,000)	(890,000)	(430,000)	(890,000)	-	-
State Administered General Assistance	(520,000)	(1,120,000)	-	-	520,000	1,120,000
Total - General Fund	(1,652,700)	(3,335,400)	(1,132,700)	(2,215,400)	520,000	1,120,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,652,700 in FY 26 and \$3,335,400 in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled, and State Administered General Assistance (SAGA).

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$1,132,700 in FY 26 and \$2,215,400 in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled. Section 324 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, is related to this change. Funding is maintained for SAGA.

Reduce Long-Term Care Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Costs

Medicaid	(290,000)	(300,000)	(290,000)	(300,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(290,000)	(300,000)	(290,000)	(300,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$290,000 in FY 26 and \$300,000 in FY 27 to reflect requiring long-term care pharmacies to dispense 30-day supply for routine prescriptions. Savings are incurred by reducing the frequency of dispensing fee (\$10.75) payments.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Maintain Funding for MED-Connect

Medicaid	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	-	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	-	1,000,000

Background

PA 24-81 expands income and asset eligibility for the Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities Program (MED-Connect). Effective April 1, 2025, the income limit increases from \$75,000 per year to \$85,000 and assets increase from \$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples to \$20,000 and \$30,000, respectively. Eligibility expansions continue annually from 7/1/26 until 7/1/29 when all limits are lifted. Income limits are increased by \$10,000 annually and assets are increased by \$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect maintaining MED-Connect eligibility at April 2025 levels (income limit of \$85,000 and asset limit of \$20,000 for individuals and \$30,000 for couples).

Legislative

Maintain funding \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect the continued eligibility expansion of MED-Connect.

Provide Funding for Behavioral Health Services for Children

Other Expenses	-	-	1,700,000	1,200,000	1,700,000	1,200,000
HUSKY B Program	-	-	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	3,000,000	2,500,000	3,000,000	2,500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 26 and \$2.5 million in FY 27 to support (1) applied behavior analysis services under HUSKY B, (2) a contract with the Yale Child Study Center to review IICAPS and other evidence-based alternatives that focus on delivering positive outcomes for children with behavioral health issues, and (3) intensive behavioral health supports to children in a school setting.

Provide Support to Reflect Increases in Minimum Wage

Medicaid	3,600,000	8,600,000	3,600,000	8,600,000	-	-
Connecticut Home Care Program	600,000	1,400,000	600,000	1,400,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	4,200,000	10,000,000	4,200,000	10,000,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$10 million in FY 27 to support rate increases for home health aides and low-wage workers under the Connecticut Home Care Program (state-funded) and Medicaid home and community-based services waivers. This assumes five months of payment in FY 26 and reflects a 4.9% increase.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Maintain Current Cost Sharing for State-Funded Home Care Clients

Connecticut Home Care Program	(400,000)	(500,000)	-	-	400,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	(400,000)	(500,000)	-	-	400,000	500,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$400,000 in FY 26 and \$500,000 in FY 27 to reflect increased cost sharing for participants under the state-funded home care program. Savings reflect increasing the cost share from 3% of the cost of care to 5% with a monthly cap of \$175.

Legislative

Maintain current cost share levels under the Connecticut Home Care Program.

Provide Funding for Various Grants

Community Services	-	-	1,639,000	1,634,000	1,639,000	1,634,000
Regional Hospice of Western CT	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	2,639,000	2,634,000	2,639,000	2,634,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1,639,000 in FY 26 and \$1,634,000 in FY 27 to support the following grantees under Community Services:

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Recipient	FY 26	FY 27
Beth-El Shelter	25,000	25,000
Brooker Memorial	100,000	100,000
Building One Community in Stamford	100,000	100,000
Diaper Bank of Connecticut	350,000	350,000
Enfield Loaves and Fishes	5,000	-
Jewish Family Services of Greater Norwich	159,000	159,000
Middlesex Hospital Ambulance	150,000	150,000
Mosaic Coalition Inc Norwich	250,000	250,000
New Reach	100,000	100,000
Person to Person Darien	250,000	250,000
Southwest Community Health Center	50,000	50,000
Teeg	100,000	100,000

Funding of \$1 million for Regional Hospice of Western CT includes support for the expansion of the pediatric hospice program.

Adjust Funding for New Non-Entitlement Grants

Community Services	(920,000)	(920,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	820,000	820,000
Human Services Infrastructure						
Community Action Program	(69,504)	(69,504)	-	-	69,504	69,504
Total - General Fund	(989,504)	(989,504)	(100,000)	(100,000)	889,504	889,504

Governor

Reduce funding by \$989,504 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of funding for various entities included in PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget. This includes funding for: Person to Person (\$500,000), Catholic Charities of New Haven (\$270,000), Spanish Community of Wallingford (\$150,000), and the Fatherhood Initiative (\$69,504).

Legislative

Reduce base funding by \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 under Community Services.

Maintain Funding for Various Programs

Community Services	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total - General Fund	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect decreased funding for migrant support (\$1 million) and Roca (\$500,000).

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27. Funding of \$500,000 supports Roca and \$1 million reflects operating support for the state's three resettlement agencies.

Provide Supplemental Funding for Home Energy Assistance

Community Services	-	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 and \$2 million in FY 27 to reflect supplemental benefits for individuals participating in the low-income home energy assistance program (\$500,000 in FY 26 and \$1 million in FY 27) and Operation Fuel, Inc (\$500,000 in FY 26 and \$1 million in FY 27).

Support Urgent Crisis Centers

Community Services	-	-	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 26 and \$1 million in FY 27 to support urgent crisis center (UCC) services for non-Medicaid eligible individuals.

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding for Portable Shower Pilot

Other Expenses	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for a portable showers pilot program to support services for homeless individuals. Section 4 of PA 25-49, *An Act Concerning Housing and the Needs of Homeless Persons*, is related to this change.

Increase Funding for Connecticut Foodshare

Nutrition Assistance	-	900,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	4,100,000
Total - General Fund	-	900,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	4,100,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$900,000 in FY 27 for Connecticut Foodshare. Funding supports the purchase of food for distribution at pantries across the state, with 15% of funds being used for purchases at Connecticut farms.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 26 and \$5 million in FY 27 for Connecticut Foodshare.

Adjust Funding for Domestic Violence Assistance

State Administered General Assistance	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	-	-
Domestic Violence Shelters	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	(500,000)	(500,000)
Total - General Fund	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the net change in funding for domestic violence assistance. The \$4 million reduction eliminates the domestic violence benefit under SAGA, while \$1.5 million is provided for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to enhance direct support services.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$3 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the net change in funding for domestic violence assistance. The \$4 million reduction eliminates the domestic violence benefit under SAGA. Sections 325-326 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, are related to this change. Funding of \$1 million is provided for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support the hotline.

Provide Funding for Opportunity Center Pilot

Personal Services	-	901,800	-	901,800	-	-
Other Expenses	-	218,200	-	218,200	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	1,120,000	-	1,120,000	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	10	-	10	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,120,000 and ten positions in FY 27 to expand the current Opportunity Center site in Hartford and expand to an additional site. Funding includes support for a Durational Operations Manager, two Durational Site Program Managers, six OC Benefit Navigators, and an IT Analyst as well as training and operational expenses.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Support Development of 1115 Demonstration Waiver

Other Expenses	1,000,000	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	-
Total - General Fund	1,000,000	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	-

Background

1115 demonstration waivers (allowed under section 1115 of the Social Security Act) allow states additional flexibility to design and improve their Medicaid program through state-specific policies. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reviews proposals to ensure stated objectives align with those of Medicaid and federal policies. Demonstrations are generally approved for an initial five-year period with possible extensions. In Connecticut, Covered Connecticut and the Substance Use Disorder Demonstration were approved under 1115 waivers.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 to reflect contractual support for additional ways to leverage federal funding, particularly through the development of an 1115 demonstration waiver.

Legislative

Funding is not provided for additional contractual support.

Adjust Funding to Support Medicaid Landscape Analysis Recommendations

Medicaid	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Total - General Fund	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	(2,000,000)

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 and \$2 million in FY 27 to support care coordination services for individuals with acute/chronic disease and behavioral health conditions, particularly for individuals eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare (dually eligible).

Legislative

Funding is not provided to implement certain recommendations resulting from the Medicaid Landscape Analysis.

Maintain Information Technology Functions Under DAS

Personal Services	(7,939,805)	(7,939,805)	-	-	7,939,805	7,939,805
Other Expenses	(32,279,000)	(32,279,000)	-	-	32,279,000	32,279,000
Total - General Fund	(40,218,805)	(40,218,805)	-	-	40,218,805	40,218,805
Positions - General Fund	(65)	(65)	-	-	65	65

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 65 positions and \$40,218,805 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Legislative

Maintain IT positions and funding in DSS.

Current Services

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Human Resource Development-Hispanic Programs	26,644	26,644	26,644	26,644	-	-
Safety Net Services	37,343	37,343	37,343	37,343	-	-
Services for Persons With Disabilities	7,708	7,708	7,708	7,708	-	-
Nutrition Assistance	20,994	20,994	20,994	20,994	-	-
Community Services	122,197	122,197	122,197	122,197	-	-
Human Services Infrastructure						
Community Action Program	96,939	96,939	96,939	96,939	-	-
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	32,852	32,852	32,852	32,852	-	-
Domestic Violence Shelters	190,440	190,440	190,440	190,440	-	-
Total - General Fund	535,117	535,117	535,117	535,117	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$535,117 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	-	-
Total - General Fund	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,597,570 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Personal Services

Personal Services	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect staffing level requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Other Expenses

Other Expenses	7,806,884	10,406,884	7,806,884	10,406,884	-	-
Total - General Fund	7,806,884	10,406,884	7,806,884	10,406,884	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$7,806,884 in FY 26 and \$10,406,884 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Other Expenses. Increases primarily support contract and system maintenance costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - HUSKY B

HUSKY B Program	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	-	-

Background

The HUSKY B Program provides health coverage for children of families with incomes in excess of 201% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) up to 323% FPL. HUSKY program expenditures typically receive 65% federal reimbursement. HUSKY B also supports prenatal services for pregnant women under the unborn child option as well as state-funded coverage for children ages 15 and under regardless of immigration status. As of December 2024, approximately 23,700 individuals were enrolled under HUSKY B.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$7,980,000 in FY 26 and \$6,770,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under HUSKY B. Changes include the annualization of the FY 25 lapse (-\$11.5 million in both years) and cost and caseload adjustments (\$3.5 million in FY 26 and \$4.7 million in FY 27).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

Medicaid	290,000,000	290,000,000	290,000,000	290,000,000	-	-
Old Age Assistance	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	-	-
State Administered General Assistance	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	298,050,000	298,050,000	298,050,000	298,050,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$298,050,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Medicaid

Medicaid	89,274,569	247,464,569	89,274,569	247,464,569	-	-
Total - General Fund	89,274,569	247,464,569	89,274,569	247,464,569	-	-

Background

DSS' Medicaid program provides remedial, preventive, and long-term medical care for income eligible aged, blind or disabled individuals (HUSKY C), low-income adults (HUSKY D) and families with children (HUSKY A). Payment is made directly to health care providers, by the department, for services delivered to eligible individuals. Medicaid services individuals across the HUSKY Health programs as follows: approximately 540,000 individuals in HUSKY A, 84,000 in HUSKY C, and 314,000 in HUSKY D. The program complies with federal Medicaid law (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) and regulations. In addition, the account provides coverage for services to certain individuals who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid, except for their immigration status, using state-only funds. As of December 2024, this state-only medical group includes approximately 14,000 children as well as 3,250 women receiving postpartum services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$89,274,569 in FY 26 and \$247,464,569 in FY 27 to reflect current services requirements under Medicaid. Funding primarily reflects support for caseload, cost per case and utilization changes, initial estimated coverage for weight loss drugs, and Medicare Part D clawback payments.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Conform with Hospital Settlement Agreement

Medicaid	24,920,000	39,650,000	24,920,000	39,650,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	24,920,000	39,650,000	24,920,000	39,650,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$24,920,000 in FY 26 and \$39,650,000 in FY 27 to conform to the hospital settlement agreement.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Statutorily Required Rate Increases

Medicaid	14,000,000	37,500,000	14,000,000	37,500,000	-	-
Old Age Assistance	920,000	2,590,000	920,000	2,590,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	11,500	30,500	11,500	30,500	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	840,000	2,200,000	840,000	2,200,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	15,771,500	42,320,500	15,771,500	42,320,500	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,771,500 in FY 26 and \$42,320,500 in FY 27 to reflect statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$14 million in FY 26 and \$36.5 million in FY 25), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1 million in FY 27), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$1,771,500 in FY 26 and \$4,820,500 in FY 27). Note, funding is removed in a separate policy adjustment.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Statutorily Required Cost of Living Adjustments

Old Age Assistance	700,000	1,320,000	700,000	1,320,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	2,700	5,400	2,700	5,400	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	430,000	890,000	430,000	890,000	-	-
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	500,000	2,300,000	500,000	2,300,000	-	-
State Administered General Assistance	520,000	1,120,000	520,000	1,120,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,152,700	5,635,400	2,152,700	5,635,400	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,152,700 in FY 26 and \$5,635,400 in FY 27 to reflect statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled, Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), and State Administered General Assistance. Note, funding is removed in a separate policy adjustment.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Supplemental Assistance

Old Age Assistance	1,333,459	2,113,459	1,333,459	2,113,459	-	-
Aid To The Blind	(7,521)	7,579	(7,521)	7,579	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	236,662	1,076,662	236,662	1,076,662	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,562,600	3,197,700	1,562,600	3,197,700	-	-

Background

State Supplemental programs consist of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled. These programs provide monthly financial assistance to low-income individuals. These programs are entirely state funded but operate under both state and federal guidelines. To receive benefits, an individual must have another source of income to supplement, such as federal Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or Veteran's Benefits. All recipients are automatically eligible for health care benefits under the state's Medicaid program. As of December 2024, paid cases totaled 5,700 per month under Aid to the Disabled, 3,700 under Old Age Assistance, and 60 under Aid to the Blind.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,562,600 in FY 26 and \$3,197,700 in FY 27 to support current requirements for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Disabled.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Temporary Family Assistance

Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	(741,000)	3,459,000	(741,000)	3,459,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	(741,000)	3,459,000	(741,000)	3,459,000	-	-

Background

The Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families. The TFA program limits assistance to 36 months for non-exempt cases, with possible extensions. Individuals in the TFA program are usually eligible for health care services provided under the state's Medicaid program. The standard of need is 55% FPL. Families with income above 100% FPL and up to 170% FPL can remain on the program for six months with no impact to their benefits, while families above 170% FPL and up to 230% FPL can remain on the program for six months with a 20% reduction in their benefit level. The asset limit is \$6,000. TFA supports an average monthly caseload of 7,100 at an average cost per case of \$730 per month.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$741,000 in FY 26 and provide funding of \$3,459,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Temporary Family Assistance. The adjustment reflects the annualization of the FY 25 projected lapse (-\$6.3 million in FY 26 and FY 27) as well as increasing cost and caseload (\$5.6 million in FY 26 and \$9.8 million in FY 27).

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Connecticut Home Care Program

Connecticut Home Care Program	1,130,000	3,060,000	1,130,000	3,060,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,130,000	3,060,000	1,130,000	3,060,000	-	-

Background

The state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program (CHCP) provides home and community-based services to the elderly who are at risk of nursing home placement and meet the program's financial eligibility criteria. Category 1 (currently closed to intake) is targeted to individuals who are at risk of hospitalization or short-term nursing facility placement if preventive home care services are not provided. Category 2 is targeted to individuals who are frail enough to require nursing facility care but have resources that would prevent them from qualifying for Medicaid upon admission to a nursing facility. As of December 2024, the program is supporting approximately 1,750 state-funded clients.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,130,000 in FY 26 and \$3,060,000 in FY 27 to support expenditure requirements under the Connecticut Home Care Program. The adjustment reflects the annualization of the FY 25 lapse (-\$500,000), removal of ARPA funding (-\$270,000), and caseload increases (\$1.9 million in FY 26 and \$3.8 million in FY 27 to support 4% growth each year).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - State Administered General Assistance

State Administered General Assistance	1,250,000	2,170,000	1,250,000	2,170,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,250,000	2,170,000	1,250,000	2,170,000	-	-

Background

The State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program provides limited cash assistance to individuals who are unable to work for medical or other prescribed reasons. The program supports approximately 4,300 cases each month with an average cost per case of \$320.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,250,000 in FY 26 and \$2,170,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements to support caseload growth under SAGA.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	4,599,147,121	4,599,147,121	4,599,147,121	4,599,147,121	-	-
Policy Revisions	(79,712,509)	179,505,791	5,726,300	271,288,600	85,438,809	91,782,809
Current Services	438,329,940	653,776,740	438,329,940	653,776,740	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	4,957,764,552	5,432,429,652	5,043,203,361	5,524,212,461	85,438,809	91,782,809

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	1,826	1,826	1,826	1,826	-	-
Policy Revisions	(65)	(55)	1	11	66	66
Total Recommended - GF	1,761	1,771	1,827	1,837	66	66