

HEALTH COVERAGE & CARE

Children and Families

Postpartum Coverage: Women who give birth while enrolled in Medicaid would be eligible for Medicaid for 12 months postpartum, up from the current 60-day coverage. This would provide comprehensive health care for lower-income women regardless of immigration status. For this measure, the budget includes \$4.3M in general revenue and \$2.3M in federal Medicaid funds, of which \$792K in general revenue and approximately \$600K from federal Medicaid funds would cover the implementation costs. The extended coverage would begin in October 2022.

Cover All Kids: The budget proposes making all children, regardless of immigration status, eligible for Rlte Care, Rhode Island's Medicaid managed care program for children and families. This measure would extend eligibility to "undocumented" children, since most lawfully present children are already eligible. For an October 2022 start date, the budget includes \$1.9M in general revenue (including \$660K for technology implementation) to cover an estimated 400 kids.

Pediatric Health Care Recovery: The budget allocates \$7.5M in State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) in FY2023 on top of \$7.5M in SFRF in FY2022 for a relief program for pediatric providers to address a decline in enrollment and visitation resulting from the pandemic. Designed as an incentive program, a central aim is promoting developmental and psychosocial behavioral screenings.

Long-Term Care

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS): Rhode Island law (the Perry Sullivan provision) requires that state Medicaid savings due to reduced use of nursing homes be allocated to fund and thereby strengthen Home and Community Based Services. According to the formula, the FY2023 budget should include for this purpose \$17.7M in general revenue and \$20.9M in federal Medicaid funds. The Governor's budget requests that the state be exempt from this allocation in FY2023 due to the even greater amount of enhanced federal funds being directed to HCBS. Under ARPA, the state is receiving a 10% increase to federal cost-sharing for HCBS; total funds, placed in a restricted receipt account, are \$47.6M, with \$15.4M of general revenue.

Nursing Homes: The budget adds \$1.4M in general revenue (with \$1.7M in federal Medicaid funds) to increase the FY2023 nursing home rate adjustment from 1.9 to 3.0 percent.

Behavioral Health

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics: As one part of building a more comprehensive system to provide access to a broad range of behavioral health services, medical screening and monitoring, and social services, the budget includes \$28.1M in SFRF to support and expand the network of certified community behavioral health clinics.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment: For female youth who have complex behavioral health needs and who currently need to go out-of-state to receive intensive residential treatment, the budget includes \$6.0M in SFRF to establish at least one psychiatric facility in Rhode Island.

Other

Healthsource RI: The budget uses \$2.8M from general revenue (\$11.6M all funds) for the normal operating expenses for HealthSource RI.

Transition from Medicaid to Qualified Health Plans: The budget provides \$339K in SFRF for FY2023 (and a proposed \$507K for FY2022) to cover the first month of qualified health plan premiums as part of a Healthsource RI program to enroll automatically, through the state's health insurance marketplace, eligible individuals transitioning off Medicaid when the pandemic's Public Health Emergency ends.

Health Insurance Market Integrity Fund: The budget includes \$12.4M in federal funds and \$6.2M from penalties paid by individuals who do not have health insurance to make \$18.0M in reinsurance payments to health insurance carriers and \$0.6M for program administration.

Hospital Conversion Monitoring: The budget would create two positions – a planning/program specialist and a nursing care evaluator – at the Department of Health, to monitor hospital conversions (acquisitions or mergers). The entity acquiring a hospital or resulting from a merger would fund these positions.