

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Sen. James Hamper, Senate Chair and Rep. Margaret Rotundo, House Chair

Biennial Budget

Public Hearings: March 2nd through March 6th, 2015

Room 228 State House

Hearings will be held on the referenced dates on those portions of the Biennial Budget under the policy jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

The remaining portions of the Biennial Budget will be heard between March 9nd and March 20th, 2015. Those schedules will be advertised and posted on the web at a later date.

The LD Number for the Biennial Budget "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017" has not yet been assigned.

The proposed budget initiatives may be viewed on the Bureau of the Budget's website: <http://www.maine.gov/budget/>. The documents on this site are the ones that committees will be using for the public hearings. Part A contains all departments and their associated programs (each in alphabetical order) with baseline amounts program initiatives changing appropriations and allocations. Part B (which is not part of the public hearings) contains approved reclassifications and range changes. The Final Document contains the language portions. Part H and Part F as seen on the website are two addendums that provide the appropriations and allocations associated with language parts "H" and "F" but were inadvertently omitted from Part A.

The audio portions of public hearings and work sessions held in Room 228 of the State House may be heard over the Internet by addressing:

http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/audio/index.htm

Below is a detailed schedule by Department or Agency and Program falling under the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The hearing schedule groups the programs and initiatives. Those group headings are included to help you figure out which day and time a particular program or initiative will be heard.

For those days in which there is a 10:00 am and 1:00 pm start time listed, there will be a one signup sheet for the morning and one, separate, sheet the afternoon. Each signup sheet is for any program or initiative in that particular time period. Signups for the 10:00 am hearings will begin at 9:00 am. Signups for the 1:00 pm hearings will begin at 12:00 noon.

Additional guidance for members of the public wishing to testify will be sent to the Appropriations Committee's "Interested Parties" e-mail list and posted on the OFPR website.

http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/materials/index.htm

You are also encouraged to pick up a brochure with hints on testifying at budget hearings and other information on the day's hearings.

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee Clerk, Marianne MacMaster at (207) 287-1635 or Marianne.Macmaster@legislature.maine.gov

Monday March 2, 2015

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

10:00 AM

NON-DHHS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
· Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

Children's Trust Incorporated (Board of Maine)
· Maine Children's Trust Incorporated

Disability Rights Center
· Disability Rights Center

Executive Department – Office of the Governor
· Ombudsman Program

Health Data Organization, Maine
· Maine Health Data Organization

Hospice Council, Maine
· Maine Hospice Council

Licensure of Water System Operators, Board of
· Water System Operators – Board of Licensure

1:00 PM

PUBLIC HEALTH

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Aids Lodging House
- Bone Marrow Screening Fund
- Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund
- Community Family Planning
- Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund
- Dental Disease Prevention
- Drinking Water Enforcement
- Hypertension Control
- Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund
- Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (including initiatives affecting FHM)
- Maine School Oral Health Fund
- Maine Water Well Drilling Program
- Maternal and Child Health
- Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Match
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (reduction of funding in the General Fund-Medical Care Program and increase in the FHM-Medical Care allocations resulting from FHM reductions in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Personal Services transfers to Maternal and Child Health Block Grant General Fund program)
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (redistribution of funding to the FHM-Medical Care Program from the reduction of resources in the FHM-Tobacco Prevention and Control)

- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (redistribution of funding to the FHM-Medical Care Program from the reduction of resources in the FHM-Immunization program)
- Medical Use of Marijuana Fund
- Plumbing – Control Over
- Prescription Drug Academic Detailing
- Rape Crisis Control
- Risk Reduction
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Tuberculosis Control Program
- Universal Childhood Immunization Program

Tuesday March 3, 2015

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

1:00 PM

SOCIAL SERVICES

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Community Services Block Grant
- Division of Contract Management
- Multicultural Services
- Purchased Social Services

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND ELIGIBILITY

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment
- Disability Determination - Division of
- Food Supplement Administration
- General Assistance – Reimbursement to Cities & Towns
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (reduces funding by changing the disability determination to 90 days - see Part "BBB")
- Office for Family Independence
- State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- *Language (Part "YY" – authorizes transfer of funds appropriated for the state supplemental income to the department-wide account)*
- *Language (Part "ZZ" – repeals certain citizenship status provisions of statutes related to the food supplement program; supplemental security income; and TANF)*
- *Language (Part "BBB" – changes the disability determination cut-off)*
- *Language (Part "DDD" – eliminates General Assistance payments to certain non-citizens)*
- *Language (Part "KKK" – makes changes to General Assistance reimbursement)*

Wednesday March 4, 2015

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

10:00 AM

HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (equalizing reimbursement rates of physicians)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (continuing enhanced rates of primary care physicians)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (requires all community-based behavioral health services to bill under the same MaineCare section)

- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reimbursement of Critical Access Hospitals at 101% of cost)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (changing reimbursement of non-emergent use of emergency services to be paid at an office visit rate)
- *Language (Part “HHH” – reduces the reimbursement for critical access hospitals)*

1:00 PM

ELDER SERVICES & DUALY ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Independent Housing With Services
- Low-Cost Drugs to Maine’s Elderly
- Maine Rx Plus Program
- PNMI Room and Board
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers - funding to eliminate the waitlist for home and community based services for older adults within long term care
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (reduces funding by reducing the Federal Poverty Level in the Medicare Savings Program see Part "TT")
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (reduces funding to reflect a redistribution of funding to the FHM-Medical Care program resulting reducing the FPR in the Medicare Savings Program)
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (reduces funding to reflect a redistribution of funding to the FHM-Medical Care program resulting raising the asset level in the Drugs for Elderly program)
- Nursing Facilities
- Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services
- Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office
- *Language (Part “TT” – reduces the income limits to the federal minimums in the Medicare savings program)*
- *Language (Part “UU” – establishes an asset test in eligibility determination for the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled program)*
- *Language (Part “FFF” – authorizes the transfer of appropriations from the Nursing Facilities program to the Home Based Care program when individuals meet the transition criteria)*

Thursday March 5, 2015

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

1:00 PM

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADULT MENTAL HEALTH

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Bridging Rental Assistance Program
- Consent Decree
- Disproportionate Share – Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
- Disproportionate Share – Riverview Psychiatric Center
- Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
- Driver Education & Evaluation Program – Substance Abuse
- Forensic Services
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (decreasing the rate of reimbursement for medication management under Section 65 of the MaineCare Manual)
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (change in reimbursement for outpatient services under sections 65 and 28 of the MaineCare Manual. **Testimony may also be given in conjunction with the Children's Services hearing block**)
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (elimination of methadone treatment)
- Mental Health Services – Community
- Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

- Office of Substance Abuse - Medicaid Seed
- Riverview Psychiatric Center
- *Language (Part “SS” – standardizes licensing fees for adult and children's residential drug treatment centers, children's residential care facilities and licensed mental health services. **Testimony on this part will may also be given in conjunction with the Children's Services hearing block)***
- *Language (Part “XX” – establishes the Bridging Rental Assistance (BRAP) program)*
- *Language (Part “JJJ-2” –authorizes the transfer of any available appropriations, including those in Personal Services in the Dorothea Dix and Riverview accounts to provide funding for an electronic medical records system)*

Friday March 6, 2015

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

10:00 AM

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Consumer-directed Services
- Crisis Outreach Program
- Developmental Services – Community
- Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare
- Developmental Services Waiver – Supports
- Medicaid Services – Developmental Services
- Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment
- *Language (Part “AAA” – authorizes the transfer of available balances in the Developmental Services - Community program to the Crisis Outreach program in the 2016-2017 biennium)*
- *Language (Part “EEE” – authorizes the transfer of dedicated family support funds within the Developmental Services - Community program to support individuals receiving services in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office and the Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services programs)*

BRAIN INJURY

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Brain Injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury Seed
- Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services
- Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions

1:00 PM

CHILDREN’S SERVICES & CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Office of Child and Family Services – Central
- Office of Child and Family Services – District
- Child Care Food Program
- Child Care Services
- Child Support
- Head Start
- Homeless Youth Program
- IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance

- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (change in reimbursement for outpatient services under sections 65 and 28 of the MaineCare Manual. **Testimony may also be given in conjunction with the Adult Mental Health hearing block**)
- Medical Payment to Providers (funding for school-based services)
- Maine Children’s Growth Council
- Special Children’s Services
- State Funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
- Mental Health Services – Child Medicaid
- Mental Health Services – Children
- *Language (Part “SS” – standardizes licensing fees for adult and children's residential drug treatment centers, children's residential care facilities and licensed mental health services. **Testimony on this part will may also be given in conjunction with the Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse hearing block**)*
- *Language (Part “GGG” – authorizes the transfer of appropriations from the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program to the Office of Child and Family Services - Central and the Office of Child and Family Services - District programs to fund the cost of administering the child welfare program)*

MEDCAL PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE)

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Medical Care – Payments to Providers Baseline
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (funding for cycle payments)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (increase in Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (recognition of income from changes to the service provider tax. **Testimony of the provider tax will be taken during a separate hearing block in conjunction with the Taxation Committee**)
- Other Medical Care- Payments to Providers Initiatives

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Departmentwide
- Division of Administrative Hearings
- Division of Audit
- Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services
- Office of Advocacy
- Office of MaineCare Services
- Office of the Commissioner
- Office of the Commissioner District Operations
- Research and Vital Statistics
- *Language (Part “VV” –gives the department the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement certain provisions of this bill)*
- *Language (Part “WW” –allows remaining balances at the end of each fiscal year in the Consumer Directed Services program and the Bridging Rental Assistance program to be carried over for use by the program in the next year)*
- *Language (Part “CCC” –gives the department the authority to transfer appropriations within MaineCare related accounts in the 2016-2017 biennium)*
- *Language (Part “III” –the salary of one Deputy Commissioner from range 30 to range 90)*
- *Language (Part “JJJ-1” –authorizes the transfer of any available appropriations, including those in Personal Services between accounts)*