

DHHS FY 16/17 Budget Initiative: Funding for Consent Decree

Bates v. DHHS Consent Decree

The Bates v. DHHS Consent Decree (i.e., the AMHI Consent Decree) requires the Department to submit a funding request to address the unmet needs of people with severe and persistent mental illness in the community and at Riverview Psychiatric Recovery Center.

Initiative

This initiative provides funding to meet legal requirements of the Bates v. DHHS Consent Decree. It funds identified unmet needs in the Mental Health Services Community Programs account for the purposes of providing mental health services to people not eligible for MaineCare, and includes funding for services identified in the Consent Decree that are not reimbursable by MaineCare in order to comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

The Department has proposed and advocated for a \$5.8 million Consent Decree budget. The Department will continue to monitor needs of persons with serious and persistent mental illness in the coming biennium, and, as required by the Consent Decree, will continue to advocate for funding necessary to meet Consent Decree obligations.

Year	Consent Decree Funds
SFY 16	\$5,797,300
SFY 17	\$5,797,300

Impact

- **Individuals:** The requested funding provides needed services for people who have a serious and persistent mental illness and are not eligible for MaineCare. Core services currently funded with Consent Decree funds include Community Integration, Community Rehabilitation Services, Medication Management, and Assertive Community Treatment.
- **Providers:** The funding allows providers to serve those individuals who have a serious and persistent mental illness and are not eligible for MaineCare who meet criteria for the service. The requested funding also allows providers to deliver needed services not funded by MaineCare.

Spending Priorities for SFY16/17 include:

- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) \$422,853
- Community Integration \$3,525,135
- Daily Living Support Services \$85,323
- Medication Management \$1,101,067
- PEER Services \$97,510
- Vocational Long-Term Supportive Employment \$181,422
- Residential Treatment \$46,690
- Wraparound Funds \$337,300