



Medical Assistance Advisory Committee Meeting

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Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Jennifer Smith, Deputy Secretary



FY 2024-25 PROPOSED INCREASES

\$42,350,000 proposed by Governor Shapiro

- Emergency behavioral health walk-in centers -\$5,000,000
- Forensic community projects - \$5,750,000
- Base funding allocation - \$20,000,000
- CHIPPs - \$1,600,000
- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline centers - \$10,000,000

FY 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET

Medicaid Funding – \$5.65 billion

- HealthChoices Behavioral Health program
- Behavioral Health Fee for Service

Various Federal Grants – \$75.7 million

- Over 52% of these dollars are allocated directly to counties
- Includes the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant from SAMHSA

Funding for 24/7 State-Operated Facilities – \$557 million

- Includes 6 state mental hospitals and 1 long-term nursing care facility operated by DHS
- Total amount includes personnel, operating, and fixed assets



FY 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET

Community Mental Health Services - \$1.4 billion

- County Base Funds for Community Programs
 - *Over 98% allocated to counties and remainder used by OMHSAS for admin purposes*
- Children's Services
 - *Total amount allocated directly to counties*
- Community Hospital Integration Projects Program (CHIPPs)
 - *Total amount allocated directly to counties*
- Southeast Integration Projects Program (SIPPs)
 - *Total amount allocated directly to counties in Southeast Region*
- Specialized Residence for Homeless with Mental Illness
 - *Total amount allocated directly to multiple counties with this program*
- Behavioral Health Special Initiative (BHSI)/Medical Assistance
 - *Total amount allocated directly to counties*



FY 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) – \$500k

- For individuals residing in a community who are not eligible for pharmaceutical coverage under the MA program and provides payment for specific atypical antipsychotic medications
- OMHSAS collaborates with Department of Aging through a Memorandum of Understanding

Community Drug & Alcohol Services – \$53 million

- Act 152 for detoxification and rehabilitation services allocated to counties
- BHSI/Drug & Alcohol allocated to counties



UPDATES

Policy and Legislative Updates

- Crisis Regulations
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Regulations
- Upcoming stakeholder discussions on telehealth policy and regulations

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

- In-state answer rate of 88%
- Reminder: to view PA's in-state answer rate:
 - Go to <https://988lifeline.org/our-network/>
 - Click "Lifeline Network Crisis Centers"
 - Click the "State-based Monthly Reports" tab
 - Scroll to PA



BUPRENORPHINE DISPENSING

PA Focus Intervention to Raise Awareness of Buprenorphine Dispensing Best Practices

- Increase awareness of best practices in buprenorphine dispensing, focusing on reducing stigma and clarifying legal interpretations of what is and what isn't permissible
- Collaborators include PA Medicaid, DDAP, PA State Board of Pharmacy, and the DEA
- Cross-departmental collaboration to create in-house educational materials
- Next Steps: Developing a work plan and assigning roles for the collaborators

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