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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer 

Date: May 20, 2022

Subject: Amendments to FY 2022 Revised Appropriations Act (22-H-7122)

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2022 Appropriations Act based on updated federal guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Office of Health and Human Services regarding the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and its impact on state Medicaid programs.

During the PHE federal authorities imposed a “continuous coverage” requirement which essentially paused eligibility redetermination activity. The resumption of beneficiary redeterminations will require relevant state agencies to contact individual Medicaid enrollees and reconfirm their eligibility status. The resumption of this activity will result in significant operational and compliance burdens for state entities.

As of this writing, the PHE is currently set to expire on July 15, 2022 which would correspond with a resumption of redetermination activity as soon as October 1, 2022. In anticipation of this resumption, the following amendments request critical investments in IT, personnel, and other operating support.

A description of each amendment requested is provided below.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

JC: 22-Amend-17
Attachments

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
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ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2022
SECTION 1, REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2022

Department of Administration

Increase General Revenues for the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange program, Page 5, Line 30, by \$96,234 from \$2,821,772 to \$2,918,006. These funds will be used for general IT and system support at HealthSource RI in anticipation of the resumption of redetermination activity and to maintain compliance with federal requirements (22-DOA1).

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Increase General Revenues for the Central Management program, Page 14, Line 2, by \$138,702 from \$44,966,323 to \$45,105,025. These funds will be used for general IT and system support in anticipation of the resumption of redetermination activity and to maintain compliance with federal requirements (22-EOHHS1).

Increase Federal Funds for the Central Management program, Page 14, Line 3, by \$410,820 from \$136,674,001 to \$137,084,821. These funds will be used for general IT and system support in anticipation of the resumption of redetermination activity and to maintain compliance with federal requirements (22-EOHHS1).

Department of Human Services

Increase General Revenues in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 18, Line 12, by \$369,517 from \$39,152,305 to \$39,521,822. These funds will be mainly used to hire additional state employees and other operating costs to begin the redetermination work (22-DHS1).

Increase Federal Funds in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 18, Line 13, by \$206,010 from \$202,936,016 to \$203,142,026. These funds will be mainly used to hire additional state employees and other operating costs to begin the redetermination work (22-DHS1).

Increase General Revenues in the Health Care Eligibility program, Page 19, Line 2, by \$81,853 from \$8,616,667 to \$8,698,520. These funds will be mainly used to hire additional state employees and other operating costs to begin the redetermination work (22-DHS1).

Increase Federal Funds in the Health Care Eligibility program, Page 19, Line 3, by \$109,661 from \$13,738,740 to \$13,848,401. These funds will be mainly used to hire additional state employees and other operating costs to begin the redetermination work (22-DHS1).

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2022 Revised Appropriations Act (22-H-7122)

| | General Revenue | Federal Funds | Restricted Receipts | Other Funds | Total | Amendment Code (22-AGENCY#) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| FY 2022 Revised Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend) | 4,998,884,556 | 6,051,114,252 | 447,975,264 | 2,264,640,619 | 13,762,614,691 | |
| April 3, 2022 Amendments | 3,787,689 | (2,676,687) | (25,667,735) | 50,192,446 | 25,635,713 | |
| April 22, 2022 Amendments | 2,025,362 | 3,421,676 | 500,926 | 75,952 | 6,023,916 | |
| April 29, 2022 Opioid Amendments | - | - | (900,000) | - | (900,000) | |
| May 4, 2022 COVID Budget Amendments | (451,089) | (23,250,112) | (12,000,000) | - | (35,701,201) | |
| May 20, 2022 CEC 2022 Budget Amendments | (66,302,436) | (72,212,684) | - | - | (138,515,120) | |
| May 20, 2022 End of Session Budget Amendments | (663,756) | (17,018,463) | (26,419,444) | - | (44,101,663) | |
| May 2022 Enhanced FMAP Budget Amendments | | | | | | |
| Department of Administration | | | | | | |
| Unwinding of the Public Health Emergency | 96,234 | | | | 96,234 | 22-DOA1 |
| Executive Office of Health and Human Services | | | | | | |
| Unwinding of the Public Health Emergency | 138,702 | 410,820 | | | 549,522 | 22-EOHHS1 |
| Department of Human Services | | | | | | |
| Unwinding of the Public Health Emergency | 451,370 | 315,671 | | | 767,041 | 22-DHS1 |
| Total | 686,306 | 726,491 | - | - | 1,412,797 | |
| Grand Total | 4,937,966,632 | 5,940,104,473 | 383,489,011 | 2,314,909,017 | 13,576,469,133 | |