

2003 BUDGET DEFICIT POSITIONS DISABILITY/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PHASE I

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The House and Senate have adopted budget proposals to deal with the current biennium's deficit of \$356 million. The current biennium deficit amount must be reduced by the end of this biennium, June 30, 2003.

Proposals	Governor	House	Senate
1. Medical Assistance autism benefit.	Delay for six months.	Delay for six months.	Eliminate.
2. Delay home and community-based waiver improvements for CAC, CADI and TBI waivers.	Delay until July 1, 2005. \$934,000 – 2003 \$6.9 million – 2004/2005 (Common Service Menu and Home Care Case Management)	Delay until July 1, 2005. \$934,000 – 2003 \$6.9 million – 2004/2005	Delay until July 1, 2003, six months only. \$934,000 – 2003
3. Public guardianship alternatives grants.		Eliminate \$250,000 for this fiscal year.	Eliminate \$250,000 for this fiscal year.
4. Fetal Alcohol Grant	Cut 2003 funds \$106,000.	Cut 2003 funds \$106,000.	Cuts 2003 funds, \$106,000.
5. Suspend ICF/MR occupancy rate adjustment.	Suspend and eliminate in the future. \$199,000 – 2003 \$3.7 million – 2004/2005	Suspend for facilities larger than six beds for this fiscal year only. \$179,000 – 2003 only	
6. Medical Assistance prescription co-payments.		Co-payments for MA recipients with disabilities without a spend down (under 100% Federal Poverty Level); \$1 per prescription for generic drugs, \$3 per prescription brand name drugs. \$322,000 – 2003 \$9.5 million –	

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		2004/2005	
7. Eliminate Medical Assistance optional service chiropractic and podiatry.			Eliminate chiropractic and podiatry services under the Medical Assistance program. \$308,000 – 2003
8. Increase parental fees for children on home and community waivers, TEFRA and in institutional care.		Increase parental fees 5% for all who pay a fee. \$32,000 – 2003 \$258,000 – 2004/2005	
9. State-funded non-citizen immigrant assistance, Medical Assistance, cash assistance and food benefits.		Eliminate. State MA cut Saves \$4.5 million – 2003, \$40 million – 2004.	
10. Social services grant payments delay (including semi-independent living services, family support grants, child and adult mental health grants).			Delay payments to counties until July 1, 2003. This is described as a shift which should not affect those receiving the grants.
11. One-time reductions in miscellaneous grants of funds not expended this fiscal year to date.	Cut unused grants.	Cut unused grants and adds additional grant cuts not included in Governor's proposal.	Cut unused grants and adds additional grant cuts not included in Governor's proposal.
12. MA/GAMC Hospital Payments.	5% reduction \$656,000 – 2003 \$31 million – 2004/2005	5% reduction \$656,000 – 2003 \$31 million – 2004/2005	Shift of hospital payments saves from 2003 to 2004, saves \$12.5 million.
13. Operating budget reductions in Department of Human Services.	Cut \$6.7 million. (Including SOS cash flow account and depreciation accounts)	Cut \$6.7 million.	Cut \$5.9 million.
14. Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.	Cut \$73,000.	Cut \$73,000.	
15. Council on Disability.	Cut \$29,000.	Cut \$29,000.	