

ON-GOING LIST OF GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED INITIATIVES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE HOUSE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The purpose of this list is to highlight specific issues that may be of interest to the HHC & SHW. There may be other things not included that the committee may also have interest in addressing.

Agency or dept	Sec.	Description	Governors Recommend <i>Base / start of budget process</i>		As passed the House <i>#'s as compared to Gov Rec.</i>		As passed the Senate		Notes
			Gross \$	State \$	Gross \$	State \$	Gross \$	State \$	
POLICY INITIATIVES (of potential interest to legislators)									
NEW SPENDING / INITIATIVES									
AHS	E.300	Preventative dental for children and new mothers	\$732,000	\$500,000	(\$732,000)	(\$500,000)			Governor's initiative on school-based dental health sealants and universal home visiting program. House removed from the budget. \$110K pure GF + \$47K GF match to GC (\$102K gross) = total \$212k gross. \$184K pure GF + \$159K GF match to GC & Medicaid Admin (\$336k gross) = total \$520k gross.
		Dental	\$212,000	\$157,000	XXXXXXXXXX				
		Home Visits	\$520,000	\$343,000					
DVHA		Dartmouth Hitchcock rate increase	\$6,576,707	\$3,039,096	No change	No change			Settlement requiring state to pay DHMC reimbursement rates on par with the in-state academic medical center (UVMHC). Senate covers this with "52 points of light".
DVHA	E.307	Delivery System Reform Investments	\$2,625,000	\$941,438	(\$370,164)	(\$171,053)	\$370,164	\$171,053	Investments related to implementing the APM (OneCare). House \$370k redirected to the clinics for the uninsured from DSR \$. Senate language leaves DSR \$ at Gov Rec. and funds this through VDH.
REDUCTIONS									
DVHA	E.306	Cut state cost-sharing reduction program	(\$827,175)	(\$827,175)	No change	No change		\$600,000	Effective 1/1/19 - 1/2 year impact. State-only dollars. Senate restores funding at a lower estimate for 2019 and directs admin to look for alternatives for 2020.
DVHA	E.301 / E.307	Elimination of Primary Care Case Management Fee	(\$3,327,479)	(\$1,490,871)	\$1,600,317	\$768,814	\$565,669	\$261,396	TOTAL. Currently \$2.50 PMPM per attributable Medicaid life. Admin claims outpatient rate increase to Medicare rate mitigates impact on providers. House restored half of the PCCM payments. Senate restores 67% of PCCM elimination through increases for FQHC and put the rest into primary care rates. Between House and Senate, FQHC will receive \$780k.
		Global Commitment waiver	(\$3,200,634)	(\$1,479,014)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	GC Portion of PCCM
		Non-waiver	(\$126,845)	(\$11,857)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Non-waiver portion of PCCM
DVHA		Cost avoidances from increased COB and PI activities	(\$1,959,716)	(\$905,585)	No change	No change			Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Program Integrity (PI) initiative targets.
DVHA		DSH Reductions	(\$4,744,310)	(\$2,192,347)	No change	No change			TOTAL 28.42% DSH rate reduction under the ACA. The recent CSR delayed the cut for two years. Proposal of further DSH reductions
		Federal DSH Reduction	(\$948,781)	(\$438,432)					
		State DSH Reduction	(\$3,795,529)	(\$1,753,915)					
VDH	E.301	Loan Repayment	(\$667,000)	(\$308,221)	\$667,000	\$308,221			Administered through AHEC @ UVM. House restored funding.
GMCB	E.300.2	Reduce funding for the Health Care Advocate	(\$110,883)	(\$34,358)	\$110,883	\$34,358			Funded through with Billback. Total FY'18 appropriation was \$1,457,406. The '19 Gov Rec. represents a \$110,833 reduction to this amount. House restored funding.
GMCB	E.345	Elimination of 3 positions	(\$292,649)	(\$79,015)	House restored positions and made them permanent				Rate review related positions including a health policy analyst, evaluation manager, and CON position. House restored position and offset with reductions in contracts, other - net neutral.
OTHER GOVERNOR POLICY INITIATIVES									
DVHA		Realignment of Care Coordination Activities	(\$1,826,928)	(\$650,000)	No change	No change			Align and restructure VCCI, the Blueprint for Health, and the Clinical Operations Unit to better meet goals.
DVHA	E.306.1	Ceasing DVHA premium processing responsibilities	(\$2,136,306)	(\$1,106,606)	No change	No change	WEX Contract will be covered		Ending premium processing contract (with WEX). Mix of GF and SHCRF. 1/2 year budget impact. Will need to work with Carriers to ensure they can carry out in timeframe. Senate does not cut WEX contract -- finds money either in surplus or reserves.
DVHA		Design, development and implementation	(\$25,787,416)	(\$2,570,631)	No change	No change			DVHA scrutinized contracts regarding intergrated eligibility and MMIS.
DVHA		HIT Investment Phasedown	(\$1,960,628)	(\$1,354,330)	No change	No change			Part of overall GC investment phase down as part of new GC waiver agreement.

Senate = \$2,165,986
Total for PCCM \$1,030,210

Senate Concurrs

OTHER LEGISLATIVE POLICY INITIATIVES								
DVHA	E.307 / E.312	Increase funding for clinics for the uninsured		\$370,164	\$171,053	\$340,000	\$170,000	House took \$370k from DSR payments to increase funding for clinics for the uninsured. Senate funds this through VDH.
DVHA	E.308	2% Home Health Provider rate increase		\$455,474	\$985,661	Approx. \$900,000	Approx. \$422,000	2% increase only for specific services. \$399,300 (E.307 Medicaid GC) + \$586,361 (E.308 Medicaid Long-Term Care). Senate expands increase across all home and community based providers.
VDH	E.313	Increase funding for recovery centers			\$165,000			
DMH	E.314	Temporary Forensic Unit			(\$1,500,000)			Removes 1Q funding for temporary forensic unit. Senate uses one-time \$ from tobacco settlement.
BGS	C.105.1	Brattleboro Retreat				\$1,000,000		One-time appropriations from Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund, used in combination with capital budget funds to provide a total of \$5.5M to renovate structures at the Brattleboro Retreat to provide a minimum of 12 beds, including level one beds at the facility.
DMH	E.314	Warm Lines			\$168,000		(\$168,027)	House increased funding for warm lines - 24/7 coverage.
DMH	E.314	Supportive Housing Services			\$276,000		(\$276,000)	Funds allocated at the DMH discretion in Rutland County for supportive housing services for individuals with mental health disabilities who have experienced chronic homelessness, using the low barriers model.
DMH		Street Outreach Workers			\$400,000		(\$240,000)	
DMH	B.301 / B.314	DA Direct Care Staff Pay Increase				\$4,328,068	\$2,000,000	Senate appropriates \$4,328,068 to DAs to increase pay for direct care staff.
AHS	E.306.1	Acupuncture Study				\$100,000		Funds year one of a two-year study on the effects of increased access to Acupuncture care on utilization/expenditures on other services. Reallocates \$ from the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund.
	C.106.1	Expanding the workforce for substance use disorder and mental health professionals				\$5,000,000		Money is appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund. Money is spread out between 2019 and 2022.
REVENUES								
DVHA	E.306.2	Extends the sunset of the HIT fund	Existing Revenue		Addressed in H.901			Postpones 1 year to 7/1/19. Est. Revenue = \$3.45M
DVHA	E.306.3	Updates claims assessment statutory language concurrent with HIT proposal.	Existing Revenue		Addressed in H.901			Claims assessment will not go away. This is an adjustment in the language to reflect the change concurrent with HIT proposal. 0.8% claims assessment itself will still exist under existing statutes.
OTHER BILLS WITH BUDGET IMPLICATIONS								
GMCB	S.53	Univesal Primary Care				Bill back?	\$200,000	Senate intends to use one-time money from the recent tobacco settlement.
VDH / TAX	H.386	Opioids Tax - NOT YET PASSED				\$940,000		Senate took out positions for Governors Opioid Council and other things assuming Opioid tax bill (which includes appropriations) would pass.