

Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

Summary of SFY21 Year End Choices for Care Reinvestments – Link to [Title 33, Chapter 76: Choices for Care](#)

Investments		Est. Cost of Reinvestment	GC Gross Medicaid Cost	Statute Savings Category	Status as of 12/16/21
1	Moderate Needs Homemaker Rate Increase from \$22.16 to \$30.84 to match CFC Personal Care rate.	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	§ 7602(c)(1) increase Choices for Care home- and community-based provider rates	A PBR has been drafted and shared with DVHA to make the homemaker rate increase effective as of 12/1.
2	Increase funding factor used to calculate self/surrogate directed budgets for personal care (separate from CBA min wage) to expand flexibility for employers to hire/retain staff at higher wages.	\$1,736,568.81	\$1,736,568.81	§ 7602(c)(2) increase Choices for Care self-directed service budgets	ARIS, Transition II and the Adult Services Division are currently updating systems to implement the change in January 2022.
3	Training for self-directed employers and employees through a procured training contract (two separate trainings).	\$150,000.00	\$340,909.09	§ 7602(c)(5) address Choices for Care quality improvement outcomes	An RFP has been drafted for the trainings for self-directed and surrogate directed employers and employees. Aiming to release the RFP by end of January 2022.
4	Increase CFC Assisted Devices/Home Modifications from \$867 to \$2,000 per person, per year to accommodate higher cost evaluations for home accessibility needs. This invest is for calendar year 2022 only and will be evaluated prior to requesting ongoing budget increase.	\$786,800.00	\$786,800.00	§ 7602(c)(4) expand Choices for Care home- and community-based service options	ASD updating systems and providers have been notified of the availability of the \$2k for CY22.
5	Start-up costs for a new Adult Protective Services (APS) Investigative System to support protective services for Vermonters, including those receiving HCBS. Aligns with Older American's Act Elder Justice priority and Governor's priority to protect vulnerable people.	\$1,121,721.04	\$2,549,366.00	§ 7602(c)(6) fund investments to serve older Vermonters and Vermonters with disabilities outside Choices for Care, understanding non-Medicaid services are not eligible for a federal match.	RFP being finalized this week for procurement of a vendor.

\$4,545,089.85 \$6,163,643.90