

Senate Health and Welfare Committee Budget & Funding Requests
Updated as of 4/13/21

Purpose	Focus	Category	Amount	\$ Type	\$ in H.439 from House	Language in Another Bill	Requester/Contact	Notes
AHS Mental Health & Substance Use	Mental Health	workforce	\$ 5,000,000	GF	yes	no		Strategic investments to expand supply of mental health & substance use disorder treatment professionals. Funds to DAs & SSAs - up to \$5M to be distributed. One-time funds.
Childcare	Children Health/Services	planning	700,000	TBD	no	H.171		Childcare systems analysis study (\$200K) & financing study (\$500K). Amounts still TBD; not in budget as reports are due in future years. Should get JFO testimony on status.
Childcare	Children Health/Services	patient/client care	800,000	ARPA	yes	no		Childcare program stabilization grants
Childcare	Children Health/Services	patient/client care	TBD	GF	no	H.171		Proposal: CCFAP payments by enrollment instead of attendance
Childcare	Children Health/Services	patient/client care	5,529,000	GF	no	H.171		CCFAP payment changes - approp in H.171
Childcare	Children Health/Services	workforce	2,500,000	GF	no	H.171		Provider scholarships & student loan repayments - approp in H.171
Designated & Social Service Agencies	Health	workforce	10,700,000	GF/Fed	yes			DA & SSA rate increase of 2%. Requests received for a 3% rate increase, which would add \$5.3 million.
Dr. Dynasaur expansion	Primary Care	patient/client care	1,400,000	GF	no	H.430		Bill passed in House
Health Equity Working Group	Population Health	planning	180,000	GF	yes	H.210		Bill passed in House, funding in Big Bill
HIV/AIDS Services	Population Health	patient/client care	725,000	GF	yes	no		meds, prevention, services
Home & Community Services	Population Health	planning	200,000	GF	no	H.153		Study regarding home- & community-based service rates.
Office of Child Advocate	Children Health/Services	planning	110,000	GF	no	H.265		
Parent Child Centers Ongoing	Children Health/Services	patient/client care	4,200,000	GF	no	S.91	Sen. Hardy & Westman	Update statutory language & increase base funding to \$7.5M.
Primary Care Education Loan	Primary Care	workforce	TBD		no	S.123	Sen. Hooker & Hardy	
Repayment								
RN & Primary Care MD Scholarships	Primary Care	workforce	2,272,727	GF	yes	no		Extension of scholarship program to 2027. Request to add NPs & PAs to eligibility for program - would need updated language.
Study Committee on Health Care	Population Health	planning	175,000		no	S.120	Sen. Hooker & Hardy	
Affordability								
Requests Not in Budget or Other Bills								
AHS Staff Support	Misc/Many	workforce	TBD	ARPA	no	no		Provide funding for additional temporary staffing to allow permanent staff to take vacations & reduce extra workload. Prevent employee burnout.
Designated Agencies Facilities	Mental Health	facilities	\$ 12,800,000	ARPA	no	no	Julie Tessler	Facilities - new, renovations, maintenance. Balance of request that was not already funded in H.315.
Innovation Grants for Practices	Primary Care	misc	TBD	ARPA	no	no	Jessa Barnard & others	Grants to strengthen primary care, allowing flexible applications to innovative primary care services, including co-locating mental health services, care management and other delivery redesign efforts.
Medicaid Dental Expansion	Dental Care	patient/client care	25,000,000	ARPA	no	no	Mike Fisher	see 4/11 email

Medicaid Reimbursement Bump	Primary Care	patient/client care	1,000,000	GF/Fed	no	no	Jessa Barnard & others	Increase Medicaid RBRVS Fee Schedule for primary care codes to 105% of Medicare, exceeding reductions in primary care payments in 2017-2021
Parent Child Centers COVID-Relief	Children Health/Services	patient/client care	3,000,000	ARPA	no	no	Amy Schollenberger	COVID relief for 15 PCCs
Provider Grant Program	Misc/Many	misc	TBD	ARPA			Laura Pelosi	See 4/9 request via email - grant program via AHS for health care & long-term care providers for various needs including technology, infrastructure, workforce, etc. Increase grant to align with 2021 standard of need established by DCF, leaving the ratable reduction at the current level (49.6%) for now. Eliminate SSI penalty. Index basic needs calculation. Include language to distribute full appropriation, not sweep in BAA. Assess impact of COVID on fair market value rental assistance program.
Reach Up Base Funding Increase	Population Health	patient/client care	2,770,000	mix	no	no	Michele Fay	Requested \$1M annually for three years.
Tobacco Control Program	Population Health	patient/client care	1,000,000	ARPA	no	no	Tina Zuk	Meals program
VT Assoc of Area Agencies of Aging	Senior Health/Services	patient/client care	1,000,000					Funding increase for SAG(?) . Request also to reverse policy & budget changes in H.439 regarding transportation services.
VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance	Children Health/Services	patient/client care	200,000	?	no	no	Matt Levin	

Organization Specific Requests

AALV, et al Coalition - Mental Health								See 4/9 request via email - AALV, Connecting Cultures, Howard Center, USCRI
Services for Immigrants & Refugees	Mental Health	patient/client care	\$ 385,000	ARPA			Amila Merdzanovic	
Brattleboro Retreat - capital/facilities	Mental Health	facilities	1,000,000	ARPA	no		Louis Josephson	See 4/9 request via email
Brattleboro Retreat - electronic record	Mental Health	technology	1,300,000	ARPA	no		Louis Josephson	See 4/9 request via email
Brattleboro Retreat - workforce	Mental Health	workforce	561,000	ARPA	no		Louis Josephson	See 4/9 request via email
Lund Residential Treatment	Population Health	patient/client care	3,700,000	mix	no	no	Tricia Coates	Requesting renewal of state funding via Global Commitment Medicaid waiver application or GF gap funding. See 4/9 request via email - COVID vaccine access & education, health care access
Pathways Vermont - nursing services	Population Health	patient/client care	???	ARPA	no	no	Nick Sherman	
Recovery House	Substance Use Treatment	facilities	392,700	ARPA	no	no	Chadd Viger	Facility renovations