

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ACT
HOUSE AND SENATE
LANGUAGE COMPARISON

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<p><i>Appropriates \$3,000,000 GF to AoA for ADEC; appropriates \$800,000 GC to DVHA for nonemergency medical transportation (GF/FF match appropriated to AHS); appropriates \$167,000 GF to VDH for Bridges to Health; appropriates \$228,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund/\$192,000 GF to recovery centers impacted by equal payment distribution; increase appropriation to AAFM for Vermont Foodbank’s Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program to \$900,000 GF.</i></p> <p>Sec. 51. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read: Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and</p> <p>(2) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an additional year;</p> <p>(3) \$500,000 General Fund for the reimbursement of Community Accountability Court Project expenses requested by other State entities; and</p> <p><u>(4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State Teachers’ Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution. The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal year 2026. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(e) Agency of Human Services Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) \$6,200 General Fund for per diems and expense reimbursement for members of the Office of New Americans Study Committee; and</p> <p>(3) \$514,875 General Fund and \$735,125 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access’ Global Commitment appropriation for the first year of</p>	51	<p><i>Modifies language for nonemergency medical transportation funding; amends allowable use of appropriation to the Department of Economic Development for women’s recovery residence; reduces additional funding to Vermonters Feeding Vermonters by \$40,000 (reflected as \$860,000).</i></p> <p>Sec. 51. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read: Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and</p> <p>(2) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an additional year;</p> <p>(3) \$500,000 General Fund for the reimbursement of Community Accountability Court Project expenses requested by other State entities; and</p> <p>(4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State Teachers’ Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution. The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal year 2026. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(e) Agency of Human Services Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) \$6,200 General Fund for per diems and expense reimbursement for members of the Office of New Americans Study Committee; and</p> <p>(3) \$514,875 General Fund and \$735,125 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access’ Global Commitment appropriation for the first year of</p>

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<p>implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the Agency’s request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act;</p> <p><u>(4) \$385,000 General Fund for office fit-up costs at the Waterbury State Office Complex and Pilgrim Place; and</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$329,520 General Fund and \$470,480 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access’ Global Commitment appropriation for supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(g) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) \$200,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for a grant to Mentor Vermont; and</p> <p>(6) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child Center Network for smoking cessation initiatives;</p> <p><u>(7) \$163,627 General Fund to continue the activities related to health disparities and health equity originally initiated by the Agency of Administration Office of Racial Equity per 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106(a)(10);</u></p> <p><u>(8) \$167,000 General Fund for the Bridges to Health program; and</u></p> <p><u>(9) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 4812, \$228,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund and \$192,000 General Fund for distribution to recovery centers that were negatively impacted by receiving equal distributions from the Department earlier in the year. The funds shall be allocated as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$45,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield;</u></p> <p><u>(B) \$50,000 to Journey to Recovery Community Center;</u></p> <p><u>(C) \$70,000 to the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County;</u></p> <p><u>(D) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Addison County;</u></p> <p><u>(E) \$105,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Bennington; and</u></p> <p><u>(F) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Windham County.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		<p>implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the Agency’s request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act;</p> <p><u>(4) \$385,000 General Fund for office fit-up costs at the Waterbury State Office Complex and Pilgrim Place; and</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$329,520 General Fund and \$470,480 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access’ Global Commitment appropriation for a one-time payment increase for nonemergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(g) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) \$200,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for a grant to Mentor Vermont; and</p> <p>(6) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child Center Network for smoking cessation initiatives;</p> <p><u>(7) \$163,627 General Fund to continue the activities related to health disparities and health equity originally initiated by the Agency of Administration Office of Racial Equity per 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106(a)(10);</u></p> <p><u>(8) \$167,000 General Fund for the Bridges to Health program; and</u></p> <p><u>(9) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 4812, \$228,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund and \$192,000 General Fund for distribution to recovery centers that were negatively impacted by receiving equal distributions from the Department earlier in the year. The funds shall be allocated as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$45,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield;</u></p> <p><u>(B) \$50,000 to Journey to Recovery Community Center;</u></p> <p><u>(C) \$70,000 to the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County;</u></p> <p><u>(D) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Addison County;</u></p> <p><u>(E) \$105,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Bennington; and</u></p> <p><u>(F) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Windham County.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(o) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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<p>(p) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$5,000,000 General Fund to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community-based services; <u>and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$1,000,000 General Fund for the Land Access and Opportunity Board’s Homes for All, Homes for All Phase 2, and Secure Housing Coaching programs.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(r) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(3) \$10,800,000 Global Commitment for the Support and Services at Home program, the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health Team services under the Blueprint for Health; and</p> <p>(4) \$1,250,000 Global Commitment for the first year of implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the Agency of Human Services’ request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act;</p> <p>(5) <u>\$2,727,046 General Fund for the Vermont Health Connect cloud migration;</u></p> <p>(6) <u>\$5,300,000 General Fund and \$160,000 federal funds for an alternative payment model reconciliation payment to Brattleboro Retreat. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match, the commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund</u></p>		<p>(6) <u>\$250,000 General Fund for a competitive grant to establish a new women’s recovery residence, per the criteria of the Vermont Recovery Housing Program Action Plan, that shall be awarded on or before September 30, 2025. Up to \$50,000 may be used for activities otherwise designated non-eligible per the criteria of the Vermont Recovery Housing Program Action Plan.</u></p> <p>(p) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$5,000,000 General Fund to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community-based services; <u>and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$1,000,000 General Fund for the Land Access and Opportunity Board’s Homes for All Initiative and for Community Resilience grants.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(r) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(3) \$10,800,000 Global Commitment for the Support and Services at Home program, the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health Team services under the Blueprint for Health; and</p> <p>(4) \$1,250,000 Global Commitment for the first year of implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the Agency of Human Services’ request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act;</p> <p>(5) <u>\$2,727,046 General Fund for the Vermont Health Connect cloud migration;</u></p> <p>(6) <u>\$5,300,000 General Fund and \$160,000 federal funds for an alternative payment model reconciliation payment to Brattleboro Retreat. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match, the commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund</u></p>

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<p>spending authority may be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to Sec. E.301.1 of this act; and <u>(7) \$800,000 Global Commitment for supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(t) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) \$500,000 <u>\$900,000</u> General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		<p>spending authority may be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to Sec. E.301.1 of this act; and <u>(7) \$800,000 Global Commitment for a one-time payment increase for nonemergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(t) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) \$500,000 <u>\$860,000</u> General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p>Added transfer language. Sec. 58. 32 V.S.A. § 308f is added to read: <u>§ 308f. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION RESERVE</u></p> <p><u>(a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal year, the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office shall provide the Department of Finance and Management a consensus estimate of the anticipated fourth quarter receipts from the Child Care Contribution, pursuant to chapter 246 of this title, for the fiscal year being closed.</u></p> <p><u>(b) As part of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall reserve an amount of General Fund dollars equal to the consensus estimate provided in subsection (a) of this section prior to executing the requirements of section 308c of this title.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Upon completion of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall immediately unreserve the amount reserved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and transfer an amount equal to actual receipts to the Child Care Contribution Special Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(d) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is determined to be greater than the actual receipts due to the Child Care Contribution Special Fund, then the excess shall immediately be reserved in accordance with section 308c of this title.</u></p> <p><u>(e) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is determined to be less than the actual receipts due to the Child Care Contribution Special Fund, then the amount of the deficiency shall immediately be unreserved</u></p>	58	<p>Struck transfer language per Technical Letter. Sec. 58. 32 V.S.A. § 308f is added to read: <u>§ 308f. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION RESERVE</u></p> <p><u>(a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal year, the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office shall provide the Department of Finance and Management a consensus estimate of the anticipated fourth quarter receipts from the Child Care Contribution, pursuant to chapter 246 of this title, for the fiscal year being closed.</u></p> <p><u>(b) As part of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall reserve an amount of General Fund dollars equal to the consensus estimate provided in subsection (a) of this section prior to executing the requirements of section 308c of this title.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Upon completion of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall immediately unreserve the amount reserved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(d) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is determined to be greater than the actual receipts due to the Child Care Contribution Special Fund, then the excess shall immediately be reserved in accordance with section 308c of this title.</u></p> <p><u>(e) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is determined to be less than the actual receipts due to the Child Care Contribution Special Fund, then the amount of the deficiency shall immediately be unreserved from the General Fund Balance Reserve established pursuant to section 308c of this title.</u></p>

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<p><u>from the General Fund Balance Reserve established pursuant to section 308c of this title.</u></p>		
<p><i>Amended appropriation to allow General Assembly to utilize appropriation for other purposes related to federal funding changes; added carryforward language.</i> Sec. 78. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2) is amended to read: (2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act. <u>The General Assembly may designate these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.</u></p>	78	<p><i>Adds language to allow for this appropriation to be used for extraordinary public safety costs.</i> Sec. 78. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2) is amended to read: (2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act, <u>or in the event the State or its municipalities incur extraordinary public safety costs necessitated by increased federal action in Vermont.</u> The General Assembly may designate these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.</p>
<p><i>Designates \$5,000,000 of appropriation to AoA for assisting housing authorities with maintaining housing assistance payments and prevent voucher termination.</i> Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE <u>(a) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Administration in Sec. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2), \$5,000,000 shall be utilized by the Agency of Administration in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of assisting a housing authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers that would otherwise be lost as the result of reductions in federal funding.</u> <u>(b) Funding may be made available to a housing authority for one of the following purposes:</u> <u>(1) to maintain a current housing assistance payment in use or to prevent the retirement of a housing assistance payment currently in use by the housing authority; or</u> <u>(2) with prior approval from HUD, to provide funding to a housing authority in order to prevent the termination of assistance to current housing choice voucher participants.</u> <u>(c) A vote of the majority of a housing authority's commissioners shall be required prior to a housing authority requesting funds under this section.</u> <u>(d) The Agency of Administration shall:</u></p>	79	<p><i>Modifies language to allow the Emergency Board to utilize the appropriation to AoA to assist housing authorities with maintaining housing assistance payments and prevent voucher termination; modifies language to reflect that no State entity is designated as recipient of funds; adds proportional fund availability language; removes subsection (f).</i> Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE <u>(a) In fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, while the General Assembly is not in session the Emergency Board shall have the authority to transfer part of the appropriation in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2), for the purpose of assisting a housing authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers that would otherwise be lost as the result of reductions in federal funding.</u> <u>(b) If funds are transferred for this purpose, they may be made available to a housing authority for one of the following purposes:</u> <u>(1) to maintain a current housing assistance payment in use or to prevent the retirement of a housing assistance payment currently in use by the housing authority; or</u> <u>(2) with prior approval from HUD, to provide funding to a housing authority in order to prevent the termination of assistance to current housing choice voucher participants.</u></p>

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<p><u>(1) establish procedures for validating that such expenditures conform to applicable HUD requirements and are a necessary and proper expense prior to issuing funds; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) ensure that access to funds authorized by this section is made available to all housing authorities across the State.</u></p> <p><u>(e) As used in this section, “housing authority” has the same meaning as in 24 V.S.A. § 4002.</u></p> <p><u>(f) The funds allocated in subsection (a) of this section shall remain available for the purposes outlined in this section until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.</u></p>		<p><u>(c) If funds are transferred for this purpose, an affirmative vote of the majority of a housing authority’s commissioners shall be required prior to a housing authority requesting funds.</u></p> <p><u>(d) If funds are transferred for this purpose, the designated State entity shall:</u></p> <p><u>(1) establish procedures for validating that such expenditures conform to applicable HUD requirements and are a necessary and proper expense prior to issuing funds; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) make funds available to each housing authority proportionally based on the number of housing assistance payments in use statewide as of January 1, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(A) a housing authority shall notify the designated State entity of its intent to utilize funds on or before October 1, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(B) In the event a housing authority chooses not to utilize the funds provided pursuant to this section, the proportional funds set aside for that housing authority shall be made available to the remaining housing authorities in accordance with procedures established by the designated State entity.</u></p> <p><u>(e) As used in this section, “housing authority” has the same meaning as in 24 V.S.A. § 4002.</u></p>
<p><i>Directs DAIL to consult General Assembly, DAs, and SSAs to identify solutions that address short-term financial challenges of payment reform.</i></p> <p>Sec. 83. DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; PAYMENT REFORM</p> <p><u>(a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall consult with the chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, and the designated and specialized service agencies for the purpose of identifying solutions that address short-term financial challenges to the designated and specialized agencies related to developmental services payment reform. On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall provide a progress report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding any identified solutions that ensure uninterrupted services for individuals receiving supports during the first year of payment reform implementation.</u></p>	<p>83</p>	<p><i>Replaces House Sec. 83. with language directing DAIL to adjust payment model for DAs and SSAs based on a minimum-assumed utilization rate of 65%; directs Commissioner of Finance and Management to unreserve funds from Human Services Caseload Reserve if necessary (if prior AHS appropriations are insufficient to cover cost).</i></p> <p>Sec. 83. DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PAYMENT REFORM; IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p><u>(a)(1) In fiscal year 2026, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall adjust the development disabilities home- and community-based services payment model to reflect per-member, per-month payments to designated and specialized service agencies that are calculated based on a minimum-assumed utilization rate of 65 percent. Reconciliation shall occur in compliance with the developmental disability services home- and community-based services payment reform rules and the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq.</u></p> <p><u>(2) To support the ongoing success of those designated and specialized service agencies in need of financial stabilization in advance of reconciliation, each agency currently below the 65 percent threshold and requiring financial stabilization funding at this time shall prepare and submit a financial stabilization</u></p>

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		<p><u>plan to the Department on or before October 1, 2027. The Department shall review the stabilization plan and work with the proposing agencies toward the goal of stabilization and sustainability.</u></p> <p><u>(b) For collective sustainability and the success of Vermont’s developmental services system, the designated and specialized service agencies shall submit to the Department on or before March 15, 2026, all information deemed necessary by the Department to enable it to perform a comprehensive fiscal analysis and to implement resolutions to address barriers that inhibit an increase service delivery utilization.</u></p> <p><u>(c)(1) On or before June 30, 2026, the Agency of Human Services and the Departments of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and of Vermont Health Access shall convene a meeting with the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or their designees, and with the designated and specialized service agencies and other key members of the developmental disabilities services delivery system. At the meeting, the parties shall discuss efforts that support the growth of a sustainable developmental service delivery system in which:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(A) increased service utilization meets the needs and goals of individuals and families and drives the designated and specialized service agencies’ success;</u> <u>(B) Medicaid compliance is assured; and</u> <u>(C) all State and federal rules are adhered to.</u> <p><u>(2) At the meeting, the parties shall also develop and recommend concrete solutions to mitigate short-term financial impacts and Medicaid compliance risks associated with the implementation of developmental services payment reform, to the extent permitted under federal Medicaid rules.</u></p> <p><u>(d) On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall submit a written progress report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare detailing recommended solutions, anticipated fiscal impacts to the designated and specialized service agencies, implementation timelines, and compliance safeguards, including how measures, such as the transitional utilization methodology, shall ensure continuity of care, prevent service disruption, and mitigate Medicaid compliance risks for providers and the State during the first year of payment reform implementation, to the extent permitted under federal Medicaid rules.</u></p>

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		<p><u>(e) If funds previously appropriated to the Agency of Human Services are insufficient to provide the State match needed to make the payment adjustment in subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall unreserve an amount of funds equal to the deficiency from the Human Services Caseload Reserve.</u></p>
<i>N/A (House Sec. 86 is annual carryforward language – now Senate Sec. 89)</i>	86	<p><i>Added per Technical Letter to clarify purpose of appropriation.</i> Sec. 86. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.330 is added to read: Sec. E.330 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING, AND INDEPENDENT LIVING; VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING; FUNDING <u>(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.330 of this act, \$80,000 shall be granted to the Vermont Center for Independent Living to provide home-delivered meals to individuals with disabilities under 60 years of age.</u></p>
<i>N/A (House Sec. 87 was effective dates section – now Senate Sec. 90)</i>	87	<p><i>Added per Technical Letter to clarify purpose of appropriation.</i> Sec. 87. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.334.1 is added to read: Sec. E.334.1 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING, AND INDEPENDENT LIVING; NURSING HOME EMERGENCY FISCAL RELIEF; AREA AGENCIES ON AGING; TIER 1 RESIDENTIAL CARE; FUNDING <u>(a) Of the Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.334.1 of this act, \$35,226 shall be used to increase payments to Area Agencies on Aging beginning on April 1, 2026; \$267,888 shall be used to increase payments to Tier 1 Enhanced Residential Care facilities beginning on April 1, 2026; and \$14,196,886 shall be used for nursing home Emergency Financial Relief.</u></p>
<i>N/A</i>	88	<p><i>Added to clarify purpose of appropriation.</i> Sec. 88. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.333.1 is added to read: Sec. E.333.1 DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PAYMENT REFORM; FUNDING <u>(a) Of the Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.333 of this act, \$9,500,000 shall be for one-time transition funding for the first year of developmental disabilities services home and community-based services payment reform implementation.</u></p>