



The Summary of FY 2012-2013 State Biennium Budget

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Aging and Aging Related Services and Programs

On June 30th, Governor Kasich signed HB 153, the FY 2012-2013 State Biennium Budget, into law. Below is a summary of the new State budget related to aging and aging related services and programs referenced by department and General Revenue Fund (GRF) line item.

- **Line Item Restructuring: Unified Long Term Care** (ODJFS: GRF 600608) Long Term Care Budget is appropriated in ODJFS and consolidated into one line item to create a unified long term care budget. The funding for the Ohio Department on Aging's long term care programs (PASSPORT, Assisted Living, PACE and Choices) was transferred to ODJFS.
 - The **PASSPORT** program budget will:
 - Cut funding 5% in FY 2012 and 5% in FY 2013.
 - Increase the number of people who are able to choose home and community care over nursing home care by 14% over the biennium.
 - Allow the average care/service plan costs to remain at 2011 levels over the biennium.
 - Provide restored funding for care managers to assist people in accessing and receiving home and community care.
 - Cut provider rates by 3%, which may discourage provider participation thus limiting the pool of providers available for certain services.
 - **Assisted Living Waiver** funding cut by 3%.
 - **PACE**, or Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, cut 3%.
- **Single Medicaid Waiver for Home and Community-based Services:** ODJFS will seek federal CMS approval to consolidate the five (5) existing home and community based waivers into one waiver (namely, PASSPORT, Assisted Living, Ohio Home Care, Ohio Home Care/ Transitions Aging Carve-out and Choices). No specific details have been outlined in the budget regarding how Ohio Medicaid recipients will receive their care under the yet to be drafted waiver.
- **Individual-Centered Integrated Care Delivery System:** The budget authorizes the Administration to implement a new Integrated Care Delivery System (ICDS) to provide comprehensive, person-centered care that meets the physical health, behavioral health, long-term care and social needs of seniors and people with disabilities. Ohio will submit a waiver proposal to the federal government by September 2012 to implement the ICDS for people who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare ("dual eligibles") and people with severe and persistent mental illness.

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- **Joint Legislative Committee for Unified Long Term Care Services and Supports** will be appointed to examine issues related to Ohio's unified Medicaid long-term services and supports (such as the implementation of the dual eligible integrated care demonstration project and the unified long-term services and support waiver). The six member committee will meet quarterly.
- **Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program** (ODMH: GRF 335506) moved from the ODA to the Department of Mental Health.
- The **Senior Community Services** (ODA: GRF 490411) line item appears to grow by 20%, but a portion Alzheimer's disease funds was transferred into the budget line item so that the total is cut only 10%.
- **Alzheimer's Respite** (ODA: GRF 490414) decreased by 53.6%. As stated above, Alzheimer's funds were transferred to Senior Community Services budget line to help meet its match requirements for Older Americans Act dollars.
- **Long Term Care Ombudsman** (ODA: GRF 490410) cut 10% in the first year.
- **National Senior Service Corps** (ODA: GRF 490506) is made up of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program. This line item is cut by 10%.
- **Adult Protective Services** (ODJFS: GRF 600534) line item cut 10%.
- **Kinship Permanency Incentive Program** (ODJFS: GRF 600541) provides financial support for minor children in the legal and physical custody of grandparents, relatives, or other "kinship caregivers" was proposed to be eliminated. However, the final budget restored funding at \$3.5 million in FY 2012 and 2013.