



# Mental Health Services 2021 Post-Session Budget Update

Presentation for the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in  
the Commonwealth in the 21st Century

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# Summary of 2020-22 Budget Bills

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- **Chapter 1289 - 2020-2022 Biennial Budget:**
  - The COVID-19 Public Health Crisis resulted in the unallotment of **\$441.9 million** in new spending in HHR at the Reconvened Session in April 2020.
    - **\$134.8 million** of the community-based mental health funding was unallotted.
- **Chapter 56 - Amendments to Chapter 1289:**
  - In the Fall 2020 Special Session, the General Assembly restored \$222.4 million GF in spending in HHR partially offset by savings of \$144.7 million GF for a net increase of \$77.6 million GF.
- **Chapter 552 - 2020-2022 Amended Biennial Budget:**
  - During the 2021 Session the General Assembly adopted an additional \$19.5 million in GF funding for mental health, offset by \$10 million GF in savings.

# Community Behavioral Health Services

## *Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services*

GF Actions for the 2020-22 Biennium (\$ in millions)	Chapter 1289 Unalloted	Chapter 56 Restored	Chapter 552
STEP-VA – Continue Implementation*	(\$54.0)	\$30.2	\$0.7
Permanent Supportive Housing	(25.5)	20.0	-
Discharge Assistance Planning to Transition Individuals from State Hospitals	(20.0)	17.5	-
Pilot Projects with Hospitals to Reduce Census Pressures	(15.0)	7.5	3.8
Virginia Mental Health Access Program (Expand Statewide) - Funding available January 1, 2021	(8.4)	6.3	-
Forensic Discharge Planning in Jail (Expand to Three Jails)	(3.5)	-	2.1
Pilot Diversion Projects for Dementia Patients (New)	-	-	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$126.4)</b>	<b>\$81.5</b>	<b>\$10.1</b>

\* Includes Medicaid-related costs budgeted in the Department of Medical Assistance Services and administrative costs.

# STEP-VA Funding Status

STEP-VA Service (\$ in Millions)	Base Funding 2020-22 Biennial Amount	Chapter 1289 Unallotted	Chapter 56	Chapter 552
Same Day Access	\$21.6	-	-	-
Primary Care Screening	14.9	-	-	-
Crisis Services*	11.8	11.0	11.0	-
Outpatient Services*	30.0	18.4	6.9	-
Peer and Family Support Services	-	8.1	5.3	-
Military and Veterans Services*	-	8.5	3.8	-
CSB Support Staff	-	6.4	3.2	-
Administration (DBHDS)	-	1.4	-	0.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$78.3</b>	<b>\$54.0</b>	<b>\$30.2</b>	<b>\$0.7</b>

\* Includes Medicaid-related costs budgeted in the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

# Other Behavioral Health Funding Actions

GF Actions for the 2020-22 Biennium (\$ in millions)	Chapter 1289 Unallotted	Chapter 56	Chapter 552
Medicaid Redesign (Six Services) (Includes Provider Training)	(\$13.6)	\$10.3	(\$10.0)
Professional Mental Health Medicaid Rates to 110% of Medicare	(4.9)	2.5	-
Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program (Dept. of Health)	(3.4)	-	1.7
Transportation from State Hospitals after Commitment (DBHDS)	(0.3)	-	0.2
Virginia Association of Recovery Residences	(0.3)	0.3	0.3
Adverse Childhood Experiences Initiative	(0.1)	-	0.1
Mental Health Alert System	-	3.2	0.8
Facility: Expansion of VA Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation	(5.9)	-	-
Facility: State Hospitals Security Staff	(5.4)	-	-
Facility: State Hospitals Pharmacy Costs	(1.9)	-	5.3
Facility: Clinical Staff at Commonwealth Center for Children & Adol.	(1.5)	-	0.8
<b>Total Other Behavioral Health Funding Actions</b>	<b>(\$37.3)</b>	<b>\$16.3</b>	<b>(\$0.6)</b>

# Other Budget Actions

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- **Continuation of Temporary Detention Order Evaluator Workgroup**
  - Continues the workgroup established pursuant to Chapters 918 and 919 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly.
- **Workgroup to Evaluate Sharing of Behavioral Health Patient Records**
  - Establishes a workgroup to review the current processes and barriers to sharing relevant patient information between community hospitals and Community Services Boards for shared patients subject to an Emergency Custody Order and under evaluation for a Temporary Detention Order.
- **Develop Options for Virginia Treatment Center for Children**
  - Directs DBHDS to work with the Virginia Treatment Center for Children to examine and develop strategies that better utilize VTCC in assisting with relief on the census pressures on the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA).

# Other Budget Actions (cont'd)

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- **Early Psychosis Intervention and Coordinated Specialty Care**
  - Requires DBHDS to report on efforts to provide early psychosis intervention and coordinated specialty care for children, adolescents and young adults by November 15, 2021.
- **Chesapeake Regional Healthcare Psychiatric Beds**
  - Directs DBHDS to collaborate with the Chesapeake Regional Healthcare to develop a memorandum of understanding for dedicating a portion of the future beds of a 20-bed psychiatric unit at the hospital for use in providing treatment services to individuals who may otherwise be admitted to state behavioral health hospitals.

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# Questions?