

Alameda County ^{ac} ^{bh} Behavioral Health Care Services

Departmental Update: 2023

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Departmental Update:

- **CA State Budget & Impacts to Counties Behavioral Health Care Delivery Systems**
- **CARE Courts Update**
- **IMD Waiver**

Key Source:



CA Budget Update Proposal (FY 2023-2024) (As of January 2023) – MAJOR THEMES

- The State is seeing economic and revenue challenges (\$22.5 Billion Deficit)
 - Administration has identified several areas in the 2022 Budget to delay, cut, or revert
 - Delay of workforce initiative funding (Social Workers, *Promotoras*, Nurses, etc.)
 - Delay in Round 6 of BHCIP: \$480M delayed to 2024-25/2025-26
- \$250 mill. of Bridge Housing also to be delayed, with \$1 mill. Remaining in this budget
- Includes funding to support payment reform.
- The programs for 1991 and 2011 Realignment are projected to increase by 1.3 percent from 2021-22 to 2022-23 and by 1.6 percent from 2022-23 to 2023-24.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Projections expected to increase.

CA Budget Update Proposal (FY 2023-2024)

Substance Use Disorder Services

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- **Budget proposes to use \$93M from the Opioid Settlement Fund to be dispersed over the next 4 years to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Public Health (DPH)**
 - \$79 million for Naloxone Distribution Project
 - \$10 million for Fentanyl program grants to increase local efforts in education, testing, & recovery
 - \$4 million for innovative approaches to make fentanyl test strips and Naloxone more widely available
- **An additional \$3.5 million dollars To provide each middle and high school with at least 2 does of Naloxone**
- **The Budget proposes to strengthen compliance oversight of outpatient substance use disorder programs**

CA Budget Update Proposal (FY 2023-2024)

Workforce

- Maintains prior commitment to **expand workforce** through \$1.5 billion in investments approved last year.
- However, this will be **delayed** due to a decline in State General Funds.
- **Proposed delays would affect a number of behavioral health workforce initiatives** such as;
 - Community Health Workers Initiative,
 - Social Work Initiative,
 - Addiction Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine Fellowships,
 - University & College Grants for Behavioral Health Professionals, and
 - MSW slots at public universities.

Housing & Homelessness

- **Delays:**
 - **Dream for All Program** to be decreased to \$200M from original \$500M.
 - **CalHome Program** will lose \$100M in the next Fiscal Year (FY).
 - **Accessory Dwelling Unit** will lose \$50M in the next FY.
- **New Funds:**
 - \$400M 3rd round of encampment resolution grants
 - \$1Billion for 5th Round of HHAP funding (conditional on statutory changes)
 - Funding for up to 6-months of rent/ temporary housing
- **Behavioral health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) & Bridge Housing:**
 - BHCIP sees delay in application to and release of approximately \$480 Million dollars for Round 6 (“Outstanding Needs Remaining After Rounds 3-5”)

Justice Involved Initiatives

- In FY 2022-2023 Department of State Hospitals (DSH) budget included \$535.5 Million for **Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST)** Waitlist Solutions. This will increase to \$638 Million in FY 25-26 and ongoing.
 - IST Re-Evaluation Services
 - Felony IST Referral Growth Cap & Penalties
 - Early Stabilization & Community Care Coordination
 - Expand Diversion & Community-Based Restoration Capacity
- \$410 Million in new **Projects for Assistance from Transition from Homelessness (PATH)** funding for pre-release service delivery planning and implementation.

IMD Waiver

1115(a) DEMONSTRATION OPPORTUNITY

Allows the 1115 waiver process to cover short-term stays in IMDs

IF certain conditions are met focused on increasing high-quality of care



Short-term stays are limited to 60 days, with a state-wide average of 30 days



California's expansion of SUD services obtained through a similar waiver

- Strengthened continuum of SUD services under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System
- Allows counties to claim federal reimbursement for SUD residential treatment

IMD Waiver

DHCS PROPOSAL FOR DEMONSTRATION OPT-IN COMPONENTS

Must cover all community-based services

Meet all CMS requirements including, but not limited to:

- Inpatient and residential facilities have accreditation from a nationally recognized entity
- Describe strategies to prevent or decrease length of stay in EDs
- Length of stay in IMD facilities can not exceed 60 days, with a statewide average of 30 days

IMD Waiver

Key Source:



- Resources:
 - [California Behavioral Health Community-Based Continuum \(CalBH-CBC\) Demonstration](#)
 - [Opportunities to Design Innovative Service Delivery Systems for Adults with a Serious Mental Illness or Children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance \(medicaid.gov\)](#)

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