

2013-2015 OPTION SUMMARY

DDS50000 - Department of Developmental Services
111000 - General Fund

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Priority	Option Title	2014 Base	2014 Adjust	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Adjust	2015 Revised
REDUCTION							
1	Reduce advertising expenses	23,422,679	-800	23,421,879	24,322,826	-800	24,322,026
2	Impose general health care efficiencies to the area of Workers' Compensation.	17,247,380	-995,415	16,251,965	18,354,814	-995,415	17,359,399
3	Eliminate 100% WC benefit for state employees injured under certain circumstances	17,247,380	-302,007	16,945,373	18,354,814	-302,007	18,052,807
4	Delay Placement of High School Graduates	205,783,080	-2,525,905	203,257,175	217,081,027	-2,228,932	214,852,095
5	Add'l Grouphome/STS closures (non-Respite)	305,492,090	-1,308,611	304,183,479	319,934,965	-2,764,881	317,170,084
6	Reduce Supplemental Payments for Medical Services on DDS Operated Institutional census	12,730,000	-8,254,875	4,475,125	13,200,000	-9,162,597	4,037,403
7	Institute a 5% rate reduction for Birth to Three Programs	37,902,751	-1,895,138	36,007,613	37,899,000	-1,895,138	36,003,862
7	Reduce Day Services through a LON Rate System with a 5% Cut	215,186,599	-10,790,249	204,396,350	225,002,486	-10,790,249	214,212,237
7	Reduce Residential Based on Reducing Rates by 5%	520,421,032	-26,041,596	494,379,436	540,399,892	-26,041,596	514,358,296
8	Close Respite Operations	305,492,090	-2,960,918	302,531,172	319,934,965	-3,142,779	316,792,186
8	Reduction of Family Support	22,383,959	-1,146,072	21,237,887	23,401,416	-1,211,727	22,189,689
	OPTION TOTAL	1,683,309,040	-56,221,586	1,627,087,454	1,757,886,205	-58,536,121	1,699,350,084

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Reduction Option

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Priority: 2
 09/26/2012

Impose general health care efficiencies to the area of Workers' Compensation.

Statutory Reference: Sec. 31-280 (11) (A)

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS:

- 53071-Community Living Arrangements
- 53077-Campus Units

DESCRIPTION & REASON

Throughout the area of health care cost efficiencies are being addressed. This option would be to address this area in Workers Compensation as well.

Sec. 31-280 (11) (A) Establish standards in consultation with the advisory board for approving all fees for services rendered under this chapter by attorneys, physicians, surgeons, podiatrists, optometrists, dentists and other persons.

The Workers' Compensation fee schedule, depending on the service, is higher than that of our Group Insurance providers. Additionally, prescription costs keep driving our medical expenditures upward due to the designer WC drug market. According to NCCI—Prescription Drugs—Comparison of Drug Costs and patterns of Use in Workers Compensation and Group Health Plans—WC pays roughly 125% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) of prescription drugs; Group Health (GH) pays only 72%. Therefore, WC paid 74% more than GH for the same drugs.

Cost Reduction Strategy: Set a fee schedule more comparable to that of Group Health Insurance plans for select service and limit the prescription formulary to model the Group Health pricing schedule.

MEASURE OF IMPACT

SID Code / Title	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Number of Full Time Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12235 - Workers' Compensation Claim	16,044,372	15,246,035	17,247,380	-995,415	16,251,965	18,354,814	-995,415	17,359,399
Option Total	16,044,372	15,246,035	17,247,380	-995,415	16,251,965	18,354,814	-995,415	17,359,399
Quantifiable Statistics	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised

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Priority: 3
 10/01/2012

Eliminate 100% WC benefit for state employees injured under certain

Statutory Reference: Sec. 5-142. Disability Compensation.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS:

- 53026-Employment Opportunities & Day Services
- 53071-Community Living Arrangements
- 53077-Campus Units

DESCRIPTION & REASON

Sec. 5-142. Disability Compensation.

Allows an injured worker within specific State Agencies to, during restraint activity resulting in an assault by an inmate, client, patient or as a result of a special hazard inherent in such duties, receive the full salary benefit (100% Gross Pay) for a period limited to 260 weeks (5 years). Thereafter, the person is removed from the active payroll and receives 50% of the salary benefit that a person received at the expiration of the 260 weeks. *Note: These benefits are only paid for Temporary Total Disability, therefore if an employee has a work capacity the rate of 75% of net pay apply as under Sec. 31-308.

Cost Reduction Strategy: Eliminate the 5-142 statute since the 31-307 statute accommodates all overtime earned by the employee and is rendered moot once the employee has a work capacity and is covered by the 31-308 statute.

MEASURE OF IMPACT

SID Code / Title	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Number of Full Time Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12235 - Workers' Compensation Claim	16,044,372	15,246,035	17,247,380	-302,007	16,945,373	18,354,814	-302,007	18,052,807
Option Total	16,044,372	15,246,035	17,247,380	-302,007	16,945,373	18,354,814	-302,007	18,052,807
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Priority: 4
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Delay Placement of High School Graduates

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS:

53026-Employment Opportunities & Day Services

DESCRIPTION & REASON

DDS proposes to delay the average starting date by four (4) months in the FY 2014 and FY 2015 budgets. The savings projected is \$2,525,905 in FY 2014 and \$2,228,932 in FY 2015.

MEASURE OF IMPACT

SID Code / Title	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Number of Full Time Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16108 - Employment Opportunities and	181,276,591	200,341,298	205,783,080	-2,525,905	203,257,175	217,081,027	-2,228,932	214,852,095
Option Total	181,276,591	200,341,298	205,783,080	-2,525,905	203,257,175	217,081,027	-2,228,932	214,852,095
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Priority: 6
 09/27/2012

Reduce Supplemental Payments for Medical Services on DDS Operated Institutional census Statutory Reference: 11-6 Section 162

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS:
 53077-Campus Units

DESCRIPTION & REASON

Reduce Supplemental Payments for Medical Services as applied to residential census in DDS-operated ICF/MR settings by reducing the projected DSS rates in each year of the biennium by 64% and 70%, respectively. This will reduce the DDS requested appropriation in FY 2014 by \$8,254,875 and reduce the FY 2015 requested appropriation by \$9,162,597. The will also impact federal revenue in each request year in the form of a decrease in federal reimbursement.

MEASURE OF IMPACT

SID Code / Title	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Number of Full Time Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12521 - Supplemental Payments for M	0	0	12,730,000	-8,254,875	4,475,125	13,200,000	-9,162,597	4,037,403
Option Total	0	0	12,730,000	-8,254,875	4,475,125	13,200,000	-9,162,597	4,037,403
Quantifiable Statistics	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised

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Priority: 7
 09/20/2012

Institute a 5% rate reduction for Birth to Three Programs

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS:
 53027-Birth to Three System

DESCRIPTION & REASON

DDS proposes to reduce the Birth to Three rate by 5%. This rate reduction would require providers to reduce their costs and find ways to achieve efficiencies.

This would result in a destabilization of the early intervention provider network as many providers will not be able to remain. This will result in discontinuity for families and their children. Those who stay in business will need to reduce their costs which will probably include wage and benefit changes. This proposed reduction may result in private provider agency consolidations.

MEASURE OF IMPACT

SID Code / Title	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Number of Full Time Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12192 - Early Intervention	37,032,438	34,862,523	37,902,751	-1,895,138	36,007,613	37,899,000	-1,895,138	36,003,862
Option Total	37,032,438	34,862,523	37,902,751	-1,895,138	36,007,613	37,899,000	-1,895,138	36,003,862
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Priority: 8
 09/27/2012

Reduction of Family Support

Statutory Reference: Sec. 17a-219c, inclusive

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS:

53004-Family Support

DESCRIPTION & REASON

A core of Family Support Workers are available in each region to provide in home and community supports including respite, short term in-house assistance, support to participate in community activities, individualized family support, assistance to develop life skills, implementation of behavior programs, and assistance to attend medical and dental appointments.

Family Support Workers provide time-limited supports to assist families who care for their family members at home. Supports are provided by DDS paraprofessional staff with extensive experience and training. Their services are available Monday through Saturday from morning to early evening hours, and on Sundays if needed. Family Support Workers are experienced with individuals who have mental retardation and associated physical, behavioral and mental health issues. During FY 2012 over 656 individuals were served statewide, including 299 children.

This reduction would cut back on the supports offered to those families, particularly in the area of short term in-home assistance, support to participate in community activities, and assistance to attend medical and dental appointments.

MEASURE OF IMPACT

SID Code / Title	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Number of Full Time Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10010 - Personal Services	23,072,236	22,217,709	22,337,343	-1,099,456	21,237,887	23,352,575	-1,162,886	22,189,689
10020 - Other Expenses	44,823	46,616	46,616	-46,616	0	48,841	-48,841	0
Option Total	23,117,059	22,264,325	22,383,959	-1,146,072	21,237,887	23,401,416	-1,211,727	22,189,689

REVENUE:

Revenue Account/Title	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Total Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Net Reduction	23,117,059	22,264,325	22,383,959	-1,146,072	21,237,887	23,401,416	-1,211,727	22,189,689

Quantifiable Statistics	2012 Actual	2013 Estimated	2014 Base	2014 Option	2014 Revised	2015 Base	2015 Option	2015 Revised
Clients served	656	700	700	-100	600	600	0	600