

FY 2027 House Ways & Means Budget: MassHealth & Chapter 257

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Description	FY 2027 Governor's H2 Budget	FY 2027 House Ways & Means Budget
Chapter 257	Rates maintained at 53rd percentile of BLS. Line-item is funded at \$175 million, but a full \$260 million is needed to fully fund rates tied to the 53rd percentile. The budget states that this \$85 million gap will be filled, but advocacy will be needed to ensure that Chapter 257 is fully funded. See our full analysis for more details.	Funded at \$175 million, but a full \$260 million is needed to fully fund rates at the 53rd percentile. This gap should be filled by remaining funds from FY26 caused by an overestimate in inflation costs. See our analysis for more details. Does include concerning language referencing the 50th percentile.
Personal Care Attendant (PCA)	Workgroup established to cut \$68 million	Workgroup will continue its work, but no cuts can be made until working group agrees on recommendations.
Adult Foster Care (AFC)	Workgroup established to cut \$35 million	Not specifically referenced
Adult Day Health (ADH)	Workgroup established to cut \$15 million	Not specifically referenced
Adult Oral Health Cap	Adult dental spending capped at \$1,000 per member per year. Exemptions for those who are DDS-eligible	Adult dental spending capped at \$1,750 per member per year. Exemptions for those who are DDS-eligible