

BUDGET REQUEST FY2022

- 1. Increase Line Item 5920-3000 DDS Respite and Family Support by \$7 Million to total \$84,853,898.**

Our Budget Request accomplishes the following:

- Provides much needed relief for families and individuals with disabilities who have spent the past year without their lifeline supports in their homes and in the community. Family caregivers have stepped up to provide 24/7 care for their loved ones, including managing challenging behaviors, personal care, feeding, and even nursing tasks. They have also shifted to support virtual learning from their homes – most juggling work and/or other family responsibilities.
- Helps protect thousands of family caregivers over 60, who like those with I/DD, have a higher risk of susceptibility to the covid-19 virus and worse outcomes. Without these caregivers many individuals with I/DD would be in residential setting with lifelong state supports.

- 2. Increase Line Item 5920-2025 DDS Day and Work by \$15 Million above House One: Recommendation to \$219,962,246.**

- 3. Increase Line Item 5911-2000 DDS Transportation by \$7 Million above House 1 One: Recommendation to \$27,095,451.**

The current projection in House 1 reflects under-utilization of individuals in day and employment programs due to the pandemic; however, it also means limited capacity to assist those who are home-bound; this is true for the Transportation account as well.

Our Budget Request for Day and Employment and Transportation accomplishes the following:

- Acknowledges an initial investment needed to re-design the service system to add new day service components or modalities, such as remote/virtual supports and in-home or in-community services.
- Provides a “bridge” for community-based provider agencies to re-design their current service model, which will require recruiting, hiring, and training staff for new roles and responsibilities, and providing technology supports.
- Allows an opportunity to develop a service model that is fluid based on real-time, individualized needs of constituents who may be unable to engage in traditional day services at any point in time.
- Anticipates the increased service need once constituents are vaccinated.
- Recognizes the need for transportation to meet some constituent demand for the new day service components, in particular in-home and in-community supports.



Our Budget Request for all other DDS and MassHealth line items is for maintenance of the Governor’s House One recommendations:

Line Item	Title	Gov H-1 FY'22	Budget Request
5911-1003	DDS Service Coordination and Administration	\$81,293,290	Maintain
5911-2000	Transportation Services	\$20,095,451	\$27,095,451
5920-2000	Community Residential Services	\$1,408,349,243	Maintain
5920-2003	Supportive Technology for Individuals	\$500,000	Maintain
5920-2010	State Operated Residential Services	\$240,537,467	Maintain
5920-2025	Community Day and Work Programs	\$204,962,246	\$219,962,246
5920-3000	Respite Family Supports	\$77,853,898	\$84,853,898
5920-3010	Autism Division	\$5,933,900	Maintain
5920-3020	Autism Omnibus	\$36,607,971	Maintain
5920-3025	Aging with Developmental Disabilities	\$100,000	Maintain
5920-5000	Turning 22 Program and Services	\$79,948,997	Maintain
5930-1000	State Facilities for People with Intellectual Disabilities	\$103,743,275	Maintain
5948-0012	Chargeback for Special Education Alternatives - 7061-0012	To be confirmed	Maintain*
4000-0601	MassHealth Senior Care (AFC, LTSS)	\$3,672,225,668	Maintain
1599-6903	Chapter 257, Human Services Reserve	\$79,000,000	Maintain**

*Need more information regarding Line Item 5948-0012. Please ensure that 7061-0012 includes language for \$10.5 Million DDS for the voluntary residential placement prevention program as in previous years.

**DDS programs receive rate reviews during alternate years among other HHS agencies. Last year, ALTR (community residential) received a rate increase (in FY 2021 budget) and the transfer of monies is reflected in the 2022 budget in 5920-2000. This year the monies in the 1599-6903 account are directed again at several agencies; within DDS the programs are Day/Employment and Respite/Family Support.

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