

Medicaid Global Spending Cap Report
Redesigning the Medicaid Program

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Overview

The FY 2015 Enacted Budget extended the Medicaid Global Spending Cap through March 2016. Pursuant to legislation, the Medicaid Global Spending Cap has increased from \$16.4 billion in FY 2014 to \$17.0 billion in FY 2015, an increase of roughly 3.3 percent. The CPI used on Medicaid services subject to the trend was 3.8 percent (ten year average of the Medical Care Consumer Price Index); however, there were several adjustments made to the Global Cap target that were not subject to the trend, the most significant of which was the inclusion of OHIP State Operations cost. The annual growth in the Global Cap of \$540 million over last year includes costs associated with both price and enrollment increases, offset by a net change in one time revenue and spending actions as well as the continuation of Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) initiatives. Components of the annual growth are as follows:

Price (+\$955 million)	Price includes an increase in managed care premiums for cost trends and newly covered benefits, as well as fee-for-service rate adjustments. See <i>Appendix B for more detail.</i>
Utilization (+\$413 million)	Utilization reflects the annualization of FY 2014 net enrollment growth (446,451 recipients) as well as assumed new enrollment for FY 2015, including the additional enrollment under the NY State of Health(NYSOH)/Healthcare Exchange.
MRT/One-Timers/Other (-\$828 million)	MRT/Other primarily includes additional Federal Revenue as a result of the Affordable Care Act (\$1.1 billion) and a decrease to the Mental Hygiene Stabilization Fund (\$285 million) offset by Financial Plan Relief (\$300 million) and the restoration of the 2% Across the Board payment reduction (\$302 million).

Additionally, as part of the legislation passed with the Enacted Budget, the following major initiatives were included in the Medicaid program:

- *Care Management for All* - This initiative transitions Medicaid enrollees to care management. There are several populations and benefits scheduled to transition into the Managed Care setting this fiscal year; these are described in further detail in the 'Beneficiary Transition Schedule to Managed Care' section.
- *Behavioral Health System* - Dedicates \$110 million to successfully transform the Behavioral Health System as the State transitions into Managed Care. The investments include funding for the following: transition Behavioral Health services for children into Managed Care; integration of Behavioral Health and Physical Health; targeted Behavioral Health Inpatient rate increases; OASAS Residential Restructuring; Health Home Plus for Assisted Outpatient Treatment and; new 1915(i) like services.
- *Balance Incentive Program (BIP)* - BIP is a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) which provides additional Federal funding towards implementing structural changes. These improvements are believed to be the best method for rebalancing the delivery of LTSS towards community-based care and away from institutional care settings.

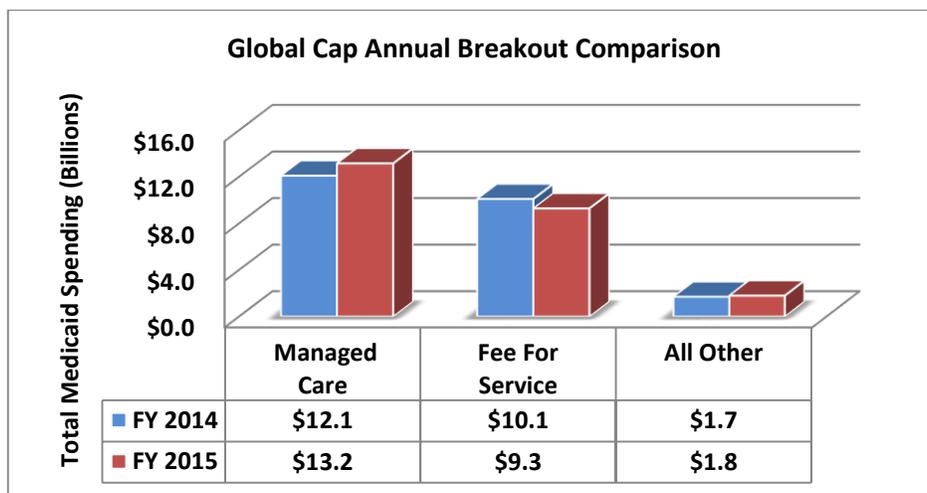
- *Basic Health Plan (BHP)* - The BHP is an option for states under the ACA which offers quality, low cost health insurance to New York State residents not eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus. It is funded by 95% of the value of the tax credits available to individuals who would have otherwise enrolled in the Marketplace and will be established in FY 2016.
- *Across the Board (ATB) two percent payment reduction* - The State is in the process of obtaining Federal approval to eliminate the ATB reductions effective April 1, 2014.

For additional information on these initiatives please visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/.

Through the first three years of the Global Spending Cap, Medicaid spending has remained within the Global Cap while expanding health coverage to the State’s neediest populations. Collaboration between the MRT and the health care community has allowed major steps towards redesigning the State’s Medicaid program and reducing cost to be made. As a result of this success, the FY 2015 Budget established a Global Cap dividend payment designed to reward healthcare providers through a shared savings program, if Medicaid spending remains below the Global Cap.

Components of the Medicaid Global Spending Cap

The Global Cap is comprised of spending for Managed Care plans (mainstream and long term), Family Health Plus payments, fee-for-service categories (hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, other long term care providers, and non-institutional related costs), and other areas of spending (i.e., Medicaid administration, OHIP budget, VAP payments, transfers from other State agencies, etc.). This spending is offset by local government funding as well as Medicaid audit recoveries and accounts receivable recoupments. See Appendix A for the annual budget by category of service.



NOTE: The chart represents the actual non-federal share of Medicaid spending for FY 2014 and the projected share for FY 2015. The Local contributions are \$7.3 billion in FY 2015, which is used to offset the amounts reflected above.

Results for December 2014 - Summary

Total State Medicaid expenditures under the Medicaid Global Spending Cap for FY 2015 through December are \$9 million, or 0.07 percent, **under** projections. Spending through the month of December resulted in total expenditures of \$12.700 billion compared to the projection of \$12.709 billion.

Medicaid Spending – FY 2015 (dollars in millions)			
Category of Service	Estimated	Actual	Variance Over / (Under)
Medicaid Managed Care	\$9,151	\$9,189	\$38
Mainstream Managed Care	\$6,584	\$6,668	\$84
Long Term Managed Care	\$2,567	\$2,521	(\$46)
Family Health Plus	\$311	\$323	\$12
Total Fee For Service	\$7,216	\$7,171	(\$45)
Inpatient	\$2,214	\$2,215	\$1
Outpatient/Emergency Room	\$316	\$310	(\$6)
Clinic	\$430	\$421	(\$9)
Nursing Homes	\$2,540	\$2,538	(\$2)
Other Long Term Care	\$530	\$537	\$7
Non-Institutional	\$1,186	\$1,150	(\$36)
Medicaid Administration Costs	\$325	\$364	\$39
OHIP Budget / State Operations	\$134	\$117	(\$17)
Medicaid Audits	(\$270)	(\$218)	\$52
All Other	\$1,517	\$1,429	(\$88)
Local Funding Offset	(\$5,675)	(\$5,675)	\$0
TOTAL	\$12,709	\$12,700	(\$9)

Results through December - Variance Highlights

- **Medicaid Managed Care Spending:** Medicaid spending in major Managed Care categories was \$38 million over projections.
 - ▶ Mainstream Managed Care was \$84 million above projections due to higher than expected paid claims through December. Mainstream Managed Care enrollment continues to be on target with estimates.
 - ▶ Long Term Managed Care was \$46 million under projections through December. Total enrollment in the program is close to 5,900 recipients, or 4.2 percent, below expected levels.
- **Family Health Plus Spending:** Medicaid spending in Family Health Plus was \$12 million over projections. Through December the phase-down of the program occurred at slower rate than expected. Under the reforms of the federal Affordable Care Act, the Family Health Plus (FHP) program will be ending by December 31, 2014. FHP recipients already enrolled will continue to receive coverage through their health plan. Beginning January 1, 2014, qualified enrollees will enroll in a health plan through the NYSoH Healthcare Exchange. FHP enrollment has decreased from 341,859 recipients in January 2014 to 36,932 in December 2014.

- **Fee-for-Service Spending:** Medicaid spending in major fee-for-service categories was \$45 million, or 0.6 percent, under projections.
 - ▶ *Clinic* spending was \$9 million, or 2.1 percent, under projections as a result of lower than expected claims billed through December.
 - ▶ *Non-Institutional* spending (includes Pharmacy, Medical Supplies, Physicians, Supplemental Medical Insurance, etc.) was \$36 million under target which is attributed to higher than expected drug rebates. Total rebates collected exceeded projections by 6.3 percent through December which appears to be related to the timing of collections.
- **Medicaid Audits:** Through December, the spending offsets from Medicaid audit recoveries were below projected levels by \$52 million. The majority of this spending variance is associated with the timing of deposits and coverage of Federal shares for newly established Accounts Receivables. As such, the variance should not be considered a factor contributing to overspending the annual global cap amount.
- **Medicaid Administration Costs:** Due to delays in the takeover of administrative functions from the Local Departments of Social Services, Medicaid Administration costs were \$39 million over projections through December.
- **All Other:** The All Other category (includes Accounts Receivable, Vital Access Provider payments, Supportive Housing, etc.) was \$88 million below projections. The variance is primarily a result of the two percent across the board (ATB) payment reductions. The ATB reductions are continuing to be applied to impacted providers pending federal approval to restore the reductions. Upon federal approval, providers will be reimbursed withheld retroactive amounts to April 2014.

Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) State Operations Budget

The OHIP State Operations budget reflects the non-Federal share only of personal services (i.e., salaries of OHIP staff that work on the Medicaid budget) and non-personal services costs (i.e., contractual services). The FY 2015 budget is projected to total \$215 million. The annual increase is offset by reductions in local district administrative claims, consistent with the State takeover, as well as funding certain New York State of Health (NYSOH) Exchange operations.

Contracts for the Enrollment Center, Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS), NYSOH Exchange, transportation management, and various MRT initiatives comprise 60 percent (\$113 million) of the total non-personal service budget. The chart below compares State Operations spending against the annual budget for FY 2015:

OHIP Budget – FY 2015 (dollars in millions)		
Service Costs	Annual Budget	Actual - YTD
Personal Services	\$34	\$22
Non-Personal Services	\$181	\$95
Medicaid Transportation Management	\$32	\$15
NYS Of Health Healthcare Exchange	\$31	\$12
eMedNY (MMIS)	\$20	\$21
Early Innovator	\$17	\$4
Enrollment Broker	\$13	\$11
All Others	\$68	\$32
TOTAL	\$215	\$117

Accounts Receivable

The Accounts Receivable (A/R) ending balance for FY 2014 was \$230 million. The State is expected to recoup \$69 million by the end of FY 2015, resulting in a projected A/R balance of \$161 million by March 2015. Through the end of December, retroactive rates owed to the State were \$243 million. This reflects an increase of \$13 million since March 2014. The increase in A/R was caused by the loading several retroactive rate packages for OPWDD providers. The State is anticipating that these liabilities will be recovered by the end of the fiscal year.

Currently, Medicaid checks issued to providers that are subject to negative retroactive rate adjustments are automatically reduced by a minimum of 15 percent until the liability has been recouped. Should the amount owed not be fully repaid before 10 weekly Medicaid cycles, simple interest at the rate of prime plus two percent (currently 5.25 percent) would be assessed on any unpaid balance and accumulate on a weekly basis. Collection of the interest assessed commences as soon as the principal amount owed has been fully repaid. With the migration to Managed Care, the State's ability to recover outstanding accounts receivable balances becomes more complicated as the State's Medicaid costs will be primarily premium based.

Medicaid Enrollment

Medicaid total enrollment reached 6,057,447 enrollees at the end of December 2014. This reflects an increase of 353,010 enrollees, or 6.2 percent, since March 2014. Below is a detailed breakout by program and region:

Medicaid Enrollment Summary FY 2015			
	March 2014	December 2014	Increase / (Decrease)
Managed Care	4,126,307	4,529,526	403,219
New York City	2,589,618	2,809,361	219,743
Rest of State	1,536,689	1,720,165	183,476
Fee-For-Service	1,578,130	1,527,921	(50,209)
New York City	790,996	753,654	(37,342)
Rest of State	787,134	774,267	(12,867)
TOTAL	5,704,437	6,057,447	353,010
New York City	3,380,614	3,563,015	182,401
Rest of State	2,323,823	2,494,432	170,609

NOTE: Most current four months counts are adjusted by lag factors (2.33%, 1.08%, 0.43% and 0.15%, respectively to account for retroactive eligibility determinations)

Beneficiary Transition Schedule to Managed Care

Care Management for All was a key component of the MRT’s recommendations intended to improve benefit coordination, quality of care, and patient outcomes over the full range of health care, including mental health, substance abuse, developmental disability, and physical health care services. It will also redirect almost all Medicaid spending in the State from fee-for-service to care management. The care management system currently in place includes comprehensive plans, HIV/AIDS special needs plans, partial capitation long term care plans, and Medicare/Medicaid supplemental plans. As *Care Management for All* progresses, additional plans tailored to meet the needs of the transitioning population will be added, including mental health and substance abuse special needs plans, as well as fully integrated plans for Medicare/Medicaid “dual eligibles”. The charts below outline the list of recipients and benefits schedule to transition into the care management setting during FY 2015:

Medicaid Fee for Service Transition to Managed Care (Populations) FY 2015					
Effective Date	Populations	From (COS)	To (COS)	# of Targeted Enrollees	FY 2015 Enrolled
June 2014	Community Based LTC – Rest of State	OLTC	MLTC	16,503	6,684
February 2015	Nursing Home – New York City	NH	MMC / MLTC	4,556	

Medicaid Fee for Service Transition to Managed Care (Service Benefits) FY 2015	
Effective Date	Service Benefits
April 2014	LT Chemical Abuse
January 2015	Hemophilia Blood Factors Risperdol, Invega, Zyprexa Clotting
February 2015	Nursing Homes

Appendix A

Medicaid Global Spending Cap Annual Budget (Online and Offline)

The \$17.0 billion Medicaid State Funds Spending Cap can be organized into two major components: (1) health care provider reimbursement and (2) other administrative, intergovernmental or revenue lines, also referred to as “offline” or occurring outside the MMIS billing system. Health care provider spending reflects the cost of care that is attributable to certain service sectors of the program (i.e., hospital, nursing home, managed care, etc.). These payments occur within the Medicaid claiming system (eMedNY). Projections for most service sectors begin with FY 2014 ending recipients and average rates per recipient. Adjustments to spending projections are then made for anticipated rate packages, transitions of populations/benefits to the Managed Care setting, and any non-recurring or one-time payments. Monitoring the movement of recipients between fee-for-service reimbursement and monthly Managed Care rates of payment is critical to evaluating various health service budgets.

The second component of spending, spending outside the eMedNY billing system, reflects spending on intergovernmental transfer payments, State and Local District Social Service administrative claims, etc., as well as receipts that offset the State’s cost for Medicaid, i.e., drug manufacturer rebates and accounts receivable collections. The following table outlines the annual Medicaid projections by major health care sector for both provider claims and other payments/revenues.

Medicaid Global Spending Cap Annual Budget – FY 2015 (dollars in millions)			
Category of Service	Online	Offline	Total
Medicaid Managed Care	\$13,007	(\$143)	\$12,864
Mainstream Managed Care	\$9,403	(\$154)	\$9,249
Long Term Managed Care	\$3,604	\$11	\$3,615
Family Health Plus	\$290	\$0	\$290
Total Fee For Service	\$8,345	\$951	\$9,296
Inpatient	\$2,023	\$757	\$2,780
Outpatient/Emergency Room	\$433	(\$12)	\$421
Clinic	\$587	(\$48)	\$539
Nursing Homes	\$3,415	\$0	\$3,415
Other Long Term Care	\$620	\$0	\$620
Pharmacy	\$312	(\$235)	\$77
Dental	\$38	\$0	\$38
Transportation	\$245	\$0	\$245
Non-Institutional Other	\$672	\$489	\$1,161
VAP	\$0	\$155	\$155
Supportive Housing	\$0	\$65	\$65
Medicaid Administration Costs	\$0	\$424	\$424
OHIP Budget / State Operations	\$0	\$215	\$215
Medicaid Audits	\$0	(\$424)	(\$424)
All Other	\$2,937	(\$8,860)	(\$5,923)
Local Cap Contribution	\$0	(\$7,286)	(\$7,286)
Accounts Receivable	\$0	(\$69)	(\$69)
Other State Agency / Transfer	\$2,937	(\$1,345)	\$1,592
Other	\$0	(\$160)	(\$160)
TOTAL	\$24,579	(\$7,617)	\$16,962

Appendix B

Inventory of Rate Packages

The State is anticipating Medicaid rate adjustments resulting in price increases of up to \$1.1 billion this fiscal year. Below is a list of the majority of anticipated rate packages to be implemented:

Inventory of Rate Packages – FY 2015 (dollars in millions)					
Category of Service	Rate Package Description	Effective Date	Projected Impact		Date Released
			Gross	Non-Federal	
Mainstream Managed Care	April 2014 Premiums	4/1/2014	\$864	\$432	February 2015
Long Term Managed Care	2014 Mandatory Rates; 2014 Risk Rates (incl. wage parity)	4/1/2014	\$506	\$262	October 2014
Nursing Homes	Nursing Home Appeals / Litigation	Various	\$175	\$88	Ongoing
	July 2013 Case Mix Adjustment	7/1/2013	\$68	\$34	July 2014
	January 2014 Case Mix Adjustment	1/1/2014	\$68	\$34	December 2014
	Cash Receipts Assessment Reconciliations	2011-2012	\$29	\$15	April 2014 August 2014
	Minimum Data Set Audits	2012-2013	\$10	\$5	
Inpatient	Transition II Update	2010 - 2014	\$26	\$13	February 2015
	Acute & Exempt Unit Actual Capital Rates	Various	\$19	\$9	
	Psychiatric Rates (Pre-Reform)	1/1/2010	\$10	\$5	
	Language Assistance MRT HD	6/1/2013	\$5	\$3	
	Hurricane Sandy Providers (Psychiatric; GME; 4/1/2012 Inpatient)	2009 - 2012	(\$32)	(\$16)	Ongoing
Outpatient/ Emergency Room	APG capital updates for 2009 - 2012 rates	Various	\$40	\$20	
	Hurricane Sandy Providers (APG and HHA)	2009 - 2012	\$15	\$8	Ongoing
Clinic	Electronic Health Records	2008-2009	\$7	\$4	
	Uninsured Care Programs	2011-2013	\$2	\$1	
Personal Care	NYC Wage Parity	3/1/2014	\$14	\$7	October 2014
Home Health	NYC Wage Parity	3/1/2014	\$38	\$19	November 2014

Appendix C

Savings Initiatives

As part of the FY 2015 Enacted Budget the following initiatives are scheduled to be implemented in this fiscal year:

Savings Initiatives – FY 2015 (dollars in millions)	
Initiative	Non-Federal
MRT:	
Prior Authorization for Non-Medically Acceptable Indicators for Prescription Drugs	\$10
Basic Benefit Initiatives	\$3
Reduce Inappropriate Prescribing and Align Point of Sale Editing Across FFS and MMC	\$3
Eliminate e-Prescribing Incentive Payment	\$2
Total	\$18
Other Reforms/Savings:	
OMIG Fraud and Abuse Integrity Initiative	\$31
Additional Settlement Revenues	\$30
Community First Choice Option	\$28
Reduce/Eliminate A/R Balances (within 2 to 3 years)	\$27
CHIPRA Performance Bonus Award	\$13
Program Integrity Initiatives	\$2
Total	\$131

Appendix D

Grant Award Programs

Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program

The Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program (VAP) supports projects for facilities that were selected due to their serious financial condition and critical role in providing services to New York State’s fragile, elderly, and low-income population. These awards support multi-year projects submitted by hospitals, nursing homes, free standing clinics, and home health providers. The VAP funds will be used primarily to improve community care including expand access to ambulatory services, open urgent care centers, expand services in rural areas, and provide more effective services that meet community needs.

VAP Program Awards (dollars in millions; state share)			
Provider Type	Total Amount Awarded	FY 2014 Disbursed	FY 2015 Actual - YTD
Hospitals	\$118	\$16	\$32
Diagnostic & Treatment Centers	\$18	\$0	\$3
Nursing Homes	\$121	\$7	\$5
Critical Access Hospitals	\$16	\$0	\$4
Certified Health Home Agencies	\$3	\$0	\$2
TOTAL	\$275	\$23	\$46

Supportive Housing

The Supportive Housing Initiative seeks to ensure that Medicaid members have proper housing that promotes a healthy environment and lifestyle.

Supportive Housing Allocation Plan – FY 2015 (dollars in millions)	
	Allocation Plan
Capital Funding	\$58
Rental/Service Subsidies	\$34
New Supportive Housing Pilot Projects	\$22
Tracking & Evaluation	\$1
TOTAL	\$115
YTD Actuals	\$29

Additional Information on Grant Award programs:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/supportive_housing_initiatives.htm

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/press/01272014-vap-funding>

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/iaaf/

Appendix E

Enrollment through the NYSOH Healthcare Exchange

The charts below represent the monthly breakout of Medicaid recipients enrolling through the NYSOH Healthcare Exchange as well as the Medicaid eligibility determinations:

Profile of Medicaid Enrollees through NYSOH Healthcare Exchange			
	Total	Fee For Service	Managed Care
January	182,701	146,576	36,125
February	324,037	256,195	67,842
March	553,361	416,849	136,512
April	674,404	398,916	275,488
May	774,463	334,279	440,184
June	873,669	323,790	549,879
July	964,104	323,795	640,309
August	1,064,422	329,986	734,436
September	1,172,033	339,670	832,363
October	1,281,451	357,492	923,959
November	1,365,074	346,680	1,018,394
December	1,472,102	378,567	1,093,535

NYSOH Healthcare Exchange – FY 2015 Medicaid Eligibility Determinations		
	Total	% of Total
Childless adults income < 100% (75% FMAP)	474,271	32.2%
Childless adults income 100-138% (100% FMAP)	144,058	9.9%
All Other (50% FMAP)	844,363	57.9%
Total	1,472,102	100.0%

Appendix F

Regional Spending Data

The Global Cap legislation requires the Department to publish actual State Medicaid spending by region. The regions selected are based on the Governor's eleven economic development areas. The chart below represents total provider spending that occurs within the Medicaid claiming system (eMedNY) through December 2014 for each region.

Medicaid Regional Spending – FY 2015 (dollars in millions)	
Economic Region	Non-Federal Total Paid
New York City	\$11,016
Long Island	\$1,852
Mid-Hudson	\$1,750
Western	\$863
Finger Lakes	\$748
Capital District	\$630
Central	\$437
Mohawk Valley	\$375
Southern Tier	\$337
North Country	\$250
Out of State	\$95
TOTAL	\$18,353

More detailed regional information can be found on the Department of Health's website at:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/regulations/global_cap/