

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Technical Appendix



Fiscal Year 2014

Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

Changes in Budgeting Practices and Presentation

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General Government

Department of Administration

Central Management

In the FY 2013 revised budget and in the FY 2014 budget, the Office of Digital Excellence has shifted from the General program to Central Management.

Capital Projects and Property Management

For the FY 2013 revised budget and the FY 2014 budget, the Governor recommends transferring the State Building Code Commission, the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Review, and the Contractor' Registration and Licensing Board into a new program entitled "Construction Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing."

Construction Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing

Beginning with the FY 2013 revised budget, this new program includes the State Building Code Commission, the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Review, and the Contractor' Registration and Licensing Board. These activities were previously reflected in the Capital Projects and Property Management program.

Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange

For the FY 2013 revised budget and the FY 2014 budget, the Governor recommends transferring the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Administration.

Human Services

Department of Human Services

Health Care Eligibility

The program formerly known as "Health Care Quality, Financing and Purchasing" has been renamed "Health Care Eligibility."

Medical Benefits

The FY 2013 enacted budget transferred appropriations for Medical Assistance (Title XIX, or "Medicaid") benefits from the Department of Human Services to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, commencing in FY 2013. As such, expenditure history for this program is contained within the (now-obsolete) "Medial Benefits" program of DHS, while enacted and recommended appropriations for FY 2013 and FY 2014 are housed within the EOHHS budget under the program designation of "Medical Assistance."

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Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Net Budgeting

There has been a change in methodology in the way in which BHDDH accounts for and budgets for expenditures in the state run facilities, (RICLAS and Eleanor Slater) known as ‘net budgeting’. The old methodology budgeted all expenditures for these two state run facilities in general revenue and federal accounts. Because the facilities are run by the state, the agency essentially pays itself and draws down the federal dollars as an expenditure credit into the general revenue accounts.

This old methodology has been an object of contention because of the lack of transparency. In turn, the department has proposed a new method for tracking expenditures in the state run facilities that budgets the state and federal matches in one grants and benefits natural code and breaks the expenditures down by category in a corresponding restricted receipt account. As a result the expenditures are not double counted in all funds, the restricted receipt account also budgets a negative dollar amount in operating expenditures that nets the restricted receipts to zero.

This new methodology will allow for a more transparent accounting of all expenditures that will post to any account related to RICLAS and Eleanor Slater.

Education

Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority

The General Assembly included language in Article 4 of the FY 2013 Appropriations Act to require the Administration to submit a report to the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Finance Committees that outlines the plan to transfer the Authority from state general revenue to private support, which was issued by the Office of Management and Budget on November 16, 2012.

For FY 2014, the Governor recommends eliminating state general revenue support for the Authority as of July 1, 2013. For purposes of presentation, the historical information for the RI Public Telecommunications Authority will remain the same.