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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chairman, House Finance Committee  
The Honorable Ryan W. Pearson  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

**From:** Jonathan Womer  
Director, Office of Management & Budget

**Date:** May 21, 2021

**Subject:** **Amendments to the FY 2022 Appropriations Act (21-H-6122)**

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The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2022 Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2022, as well as changes to various other sections of Article 1. A description of the amendments requested is provided below.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about these requested changes.

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Attachments

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor  
Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor  
James E. Thorsen, Director of Administration  
Joseph Codega Jr., Deputy Budget Officer

## **ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2022**

### **SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2022**

#### **Department of Administration**

Increase General Revenues in the Office of Diversity, Equity, & Opportunity Program, Page 5, Line 22, by \$140,402 from \$1,117,169 to \$1,257,571. This amendment adds financing for 1.0 Administrator State Equal Opportunity FTE position to support statewide equal opportunity initiatives. The Governor's recommended budget inadvertently omitted this position, which was vacant at the time of budget development (22-DOA1).

#### **Department of Revenue**

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Taxation Program, Page 9, Line 27 by \$1,569,512 from \$1,451,238 to \$3,020,750. This amendment represents the projected expenditures for the first projects eligible for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reimbursement pursuant to RIGL §42-64.21 for FY 2022. Along with the amendment for FY 2021, this represents the first disbursement under the auspices of the TIF program since its inception in 2015. The disbursement schedule is available from the Budget Office upon request (22-DOR1).

#### **Secretary of State**

Increase General Revenues in the State Archives program, Page 10, Line 30, by \$85,549 from \$158,405 to \$243,954. Together with the following adjustment, this adjustment shifts personnel costs from the Historical Records Trust to general revenues to balance expenditures and projected revenues in the Historical Records Trust (22-SOS1).

#### **General Treasurer**

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Unclaimed Property Program, Page 11, Line 28 by \$4,700,000 from \$25,202,766 to \$29,902,766. This amendment aligns the level of financing within the Unclaimed Property program with the amounts adopted by the May 2021 Revenue Estimating Conference (22-TREAS1).

#### **Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

Increase General Revenues Managed Care – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 26 by \$9,057,660 from \$333,664,740 to \$342,722,400. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-EOHHS1).

Increase General Revenues Hospitals – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 27 by \$1,126,402 from \$83,064,823 to \$84,191,225. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-EOHHS1).

Decrease General Revenues Nursing Facilities – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 28 by \$7,100,063 from \$149,433,710 to \$142,333,647. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the "LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments" that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor's Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Increase General Revenues Home and Community Based Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 29 by \$4,325,172 from \$39,080,249 to \$43,405,421. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the "LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments" that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor's Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Increase General Revenues Other Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 30 by \$8,019,741 from \$119,713,608 to \$127,733,349. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of

Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the “LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments” that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Decrease General Revenues Pharmacy – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 31 by \$1,099,971 from \$70,242,191 to \$69,142,220. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-EOHHS1).

Decrease General Revenues Rhody Health – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 32 by \$3,386,890 from \$189,857,196 to \$186,470,306. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the “LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments” that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Increase Federal Funds Managed Care – Medical Assistance Program, Page 12, Line 34 by \$19,853,200 from \$487,287,214 to \$507,140,414. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-EOHHS1).

Increase Federal Funds Hospitals – Medical Assistance Program, Page 13, Line 1 by \$1,277,784 from \$101,487,876 to \$102,765,660. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-EOHHS1).

Decrease Federal Funds Nursing Facilities – Medical Assistance Program, Page 13, Line 2 by \$9,731,797 from \$204,521,897 to \$194,790,100. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the “LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments” that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Increase Federal Funds Home and Community Based Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 13, Line 3 by \$5,828,436 from \$53,481,605 to \$59,310,041. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the “LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments” that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Increase Federal Funds Other Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 13, Line 4 by \$42,983,503 from \$703,960,671 to \$746,944,174. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the “LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments” that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Increase Federal Funds Pharmacy – Medical Assistance Program, Page 13, Line 5 by \$532,995 from (\$475,215) to \$57,780. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-EOHHS1).

Decrease Federal Funds Rhody Health – Medical Assistance Program, Page 13, Line 6 by \$6,712,480 from \$259,813,002 to \$253,100,522. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. The amendment also overrides the “LTSS Rebalance and Resiliency Amendments” that were submitted as part of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Budget Amendment #3 changes (22-EOHHS1).

Decrease Restricted Receipts – Medical Assistance Program, Page 13, Line 8 by \$472,204 from \$18,265,000 to \$17,792,796. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-EOHHS1).

### **Department of Children, Youth, and Families**

Zero-sum Federal Funds adjustment in the Child Welfare program, Page 15, Line 25. The Governor's recommendation assumed \$2,500,000 in the childcare program from the TANF block grant. To align with federal eligibility rules, this amendment adjusts the allocation between appropriation accounts applicable to the childcare and home and community-based services programs in the amount of \$1,232,348. An equivalent but opposite shift of enacted general revenue resources between these programs is likewise recommended, but does not require an amendment, as there is no accounting adjustment required (22-DCYF1).

### **Department of Human Services**

Decrease Federal Funds in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 16, Line 3 by \$2,599,544 from \$115,832,374 to \$113,232,830. The Governor's recommendation contained COVID-19 related childcare funding from the CARES Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act in the IFS program. As determined through the CEC process, a portion of the COVID related funding is being shifted to the Rhode Island Works/Child Care program, as noted in 22-DHS1 (22-DHS2).

Decrease General Revenues in the Supplemental Security Income Program, Page 16, Line 24 by \$121,056 from \$18,487,253 to 18,366,197. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of SSI expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. This adjustment is not inclusive of the previously submitted amendment regarding the elimination of the Category F payment (22-DHS1).

Decrease General Revenues in the Rhode Island Works Program, Page 16, Line 26 by \$217,701 from \$8,876,786 to \$8,659,085. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Child Care Assistance Program expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-DHS1).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Rhode Island Works Program, Page 16, Line 27 by \$759,436 from \$82,199,093 to \$81,439,657. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Child Care Assistance Program and the Rhode Island Works program expenditures with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. This is inclusive of a \$2,536,993 decrease in RI Works TANF federal funding, as well as a \$1,777,557 increase in federal funding for the Child Care Assistance Program. The federal funds increase includes an accurate accounting of the COVID-related actions taken by the agency relating to the CCAP subsidies. CARES Act: \$4,656,054, CAA21: \$2,534,718, and ARPA: \$1,834,900 (22-DHS1).

Decrease General Revenues in Other Programs, Page 16, Line 30 by \$120,296 from \$882,000 to \$761,704. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of General Public Assistance expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (22-DHS1).

### **Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals**

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Behavioral Healthcare Services program, Page 19, Line 1, by \$30,000 from \$2,183,334 to \$2,213,334. The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, received additional funding from Vibrant Emotional Health's National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 9-8-8 State Planning Grant Initiative to help Rhode Island address key coordination, capacity, funding, and communication strategies to support the launch of the national 9-8-8 hotline. This amendment adds these resources in the Appropriations Act to reflect this new award (22-BHDDH1).

### **Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner**

Increase General Revenues in the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, Page 21, Line 27, by \$386,319 from \$17,339,410 to \$17,725,729. This adjustment would support a new Postsecondary Policy Specialist position (\$121,680), a new Senior Business Analyst position (\$117,092), and a \$147,547 reduction in turnover savings to reflect increased staffing. (22-OPC1).

## **Department of Corrections**

Increase General Revenues in Institutional Based Rehab./Population Management Program, Page 26, Line 15, by \$563,250 from \$11,163,869 to \$11,727,119. This adjustment reflects a restoration of general revenue to the Institutional Based Rehabilitation program for contractual substance abuse services that was not included in the agency submission to recognize a lapse in continued Opioid Stewardship Fund allocations. This amendment does not change the total Opioid Stewardship Fund allocation to DOC in FY 2022 (22-DOC1).

### **SECTION 11, FY 2022 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) POSITION AUTHORIZATION**

Increase Full-Time Equivalent Positions for the Department of Administration, Page 35, Line 8, by 1.0 FTE, from 649.7 FTE positions to 650.7 FTE positions. This increase reflects an addition of 1.0 FTE for an Administrator State Equal Opportunity position in the Office of Diversity, Equity, & Opportunity program. This position was vacant at the time of budget development, and was inadvertently omitted from the FY 2022 Governor's recommended budget submission (22-DOA1).

Increase Full-Time Equivalent Positions for the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, Page 36, Line 4, by 2.0 FTE from 33.0 FTE positions to 35.0 FTE positions. This increase reflects an addition of 1.0 FTE for a Postsecondary Policy Specialist position and 1.0 FTE for a Senior Business Analyst position.

**Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2022 Appropriations Act (21-H-6122)**

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (22-AGENCY#)
<b>FY 2022 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)</b>	<b>4,371,272,821</b>	<b>4,129,495,745</b>	<b>341,871,722</b>	<b>2,327,828,073</b>	<b>11,170,468,361</b>	
<b>April 12 Amendments</b>	<b>1,099,774</b>	<b>14,350,980</b>	<b>25,000</b>		<b>15,475,754</b>	
<b>April 19 Amendments</b>	<b>551,320</b>	<b>(284,694)</b>	<b>939,736</b>	<b>2,900,000</b>	<b>4,106,362</b>	
<b>May 21 Amendments</b>						
<b>Department of Administration</b> <i>ODEO Administrator State Equal Opportunity</i>	140,402				140,402	22-DOA1
<b>Department of Revenue</b> <i>Taxation TIF</i>			1,569,512		1,569,512	22-DOR1
<b>Secretary of State</b> <i>Historical Records Trust Correction</i>	85,549		(85,549)		-	22-SOS1
<b>General Treasurer</b> <i>Unclaimed Property Adjustments from May 2021 Revenue Estimating Conference</i>			4,700,000		4,700,000	22-TREAS1
<b>Executive Office of Health and Human Services</b> <i>Reconcile to May 2021 CEC Adopted Estimates: Medical Assistance</i>	10,942,053	54,031,640	(472,204)		64,501,489	22-EOHHS1
<b>Department of Children, Youth, and Families</b> <i>Zero Sum Reallocation of TANF Block Grant</i>		[\$1,232,348]			-	22-DCYF1
<b>Department of Human Services</b> <i>Reconcile to May 2021 CEC Adopted Estimates: Cash Assistance</i>	(459,053)	(759,436)			(1,218,489)	22-DHS1
<i>Other COVID Childcare Account Adjustments</i>		(2,599,544)			(2,599,544)	22-DHS2
<b>Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals</b> <i>9-8-8 State Planning Grant Initiative</i>			30,000		30,000	22-BHDDH1
<b>Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner</b> <i>New Positions and Reduced Turnover Savings</i>	386,319				386,319	22-OPC1
<b>Department of Corrections</b> <i>Special Services - Substance Abuse Restore General Revenue</i>	563,250				563,250	22-DOC1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,658,520</b>	<b>50,672,660</b>	<b>5,741,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,072,939</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,384,582,435</b>	<b>4,194,234,691</b>	<b>348,578,217</b>	<b>2,330,728,073</b>	<b>11,258,123,416</b>	