
Report to
The Vermont Legislature

Report on: Choices for Care Savings

In Accordance with Act 85, Sec E 308.1 (d) Choices for Care Savings Allocation

Submitted to: Rep Janet Ancel, Chair Joint Fiscal Committee
Joint Fiscal Committee Members

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Act 85 for state fiscal year 2018 requires the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) to determine the amount of available savings in the Choices for Care program from SFY 2017.

Savings is defined as “the difference remaining at the conclusion of the fiscal year 2017 between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care, excluding allocations for the provision of the acute care services, and the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an amount equal to one percent of the fiscal year 2017 total Choices for care expenditures.” The one percent (1%) is intended to “function as a reserve in the event of a fiscal need to freeze Moderate Needs Group enrollment.” The Department is required to calculate available savings and report those savings to the Joint Fiscal Office.

Act 85, Sec. E 308.1 (d) states: “The Commissioner shall determine how to allocate any Choices for Care program savings available at the end of fiscal year 2017 and shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the regularly scheduled September 2017 meeting on these allocations.”

As per the requirement in Act 85, we are reporting that in state fiscal year 2017, there are no savings in the Choices for Care program. The final balance in the 2017 Choices for Care program was \$1,178,535.69. This amount is less than the required 1% reserve based on the SFY 17 CFC expenditures which would be calculated at \$1,926,372.43. It is our intention to hold that reserve in case of fiscal need as directed and intended by the Legislature. Attached please find the Choices for Care year end summary for SFY 2017.

Choices for Care Year End Summary - SFY17

CFC is managed as one budget, categories are estimated but funding is fluid within them.

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LTC	SFY17 Plan\$ Available (Final Appropriation)	SFY17 Expend and Obligated	Balance of SFY17 Approp by fund	State Share Amt as of FY17 Year End Available for CF/Savings Reinvestment	State Share converted to Gross GC Amt Available For CF/Savings Reinvestment	
H&CB Money Follows the Person GF	\$ 753,720.51	\$ 512,723.63	\$ 240,996.88	\$ 240,996.88	\$ 520,736.56	GF GROSSED UP USING SFY18 state share rate of 46.28%.
H&CB Money Follows the Person FF	\$ 1,996,280.00	\$ 1,731,386.16	\$ 264,893.84	\$ -	\$ -	
H&CB GC	\$ 67,993,671.00	\$ 67,347,317.29	\$ 646,353.71	\$ 295,254.37	\$ 637,974.02	
Nursing Home GC	\$ 123,065,901.00	\$ 123,045,815.49	\$ 20,085.51	\$ 9,175.06	\$ 19,825.11	
LTC Subtotal all funds	\$ 193,809,572.51	\$ 192,637,242.57	\$ 1,172,329.94	\$ 545,426.32	\$ 1,178,535.69	Balance available is less than the 1% reserve. (1% of SFY17 CFC-LTC expenses)
					\$ 1,926,372.43	1% reserve requirement, calculated by taking 1% of SFY17 expenses (if available)
					\$ -	amount available for "reinvestment" (if available)