

## State Budget Proposal Includes funding for programs and services for CSHCN

Governor Gavin Newsom released his proposed 2019-2020 budget, which included numerous proposals relevant to families of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and those serving them. *Below are just a few highlights*, and you can find additional information from the sources referenced at the end of the highlights.

### 2019-2020 Governor's Budget Highlights

#### General Healthcare Proposals

- \$3.2 billion for supplemental payments and rate increases for physicians, dentists, home health, pediatric day health services, and other services.
- Restoration of the 7% across the board In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) hour reduction.
- A state individual mandate for Californians to have health insurance, negating the federal repeal of the individual mandate.
- Expansion of Covered California premium subsidies to improve health care affordability.
- Transfer Medi-Cal managed care pharmacy services to a fee-for-service system allowing the state to negotiate prices for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Currently Medi-Cal managed care plans negotiate drug prices separately.
- Expansion of Medi-Cal to cover undocumented young adults to age 26.
- Establishment of a CA Surgeon General to address the root causes of CA health challenges and inequities.

#### Mental Health Proposals

- \$50 million to increase training for mental health workforce programs.
- \$25 million for prevention and early intervention demonstration projects.

#### Regional Center Services Proposals

The Governor mentioned the regional center provider rate study saying it would be a future issue for consideration. FVCA is working with the Lanterman Coalition to support an across the board, ongoing increase in funding Developmental Disability services.

- An increase of \$506.2 for caseload adjustments, operations, and purchase of services.
- \$76 million to reflect the estimated cost of the minimum wage increase for service providers.
- \$5.3 million to expand acute crisis and mobile crisis services.
- \$8.1 for departmental headquarter reorganization
- \$5.4 million to reduce caseworker caseload ratios for consumers with specialized medical and behavioral needs.
- The Governor DID NOT propose to eliminate the 14 day statewide uniform holiday (mandatory furlough) schedule

#### Early Childhood and Special Education Proposals

- \$576 million to expand special education services in districts with a high concentration of students receiving services.
- \$750 million to address barriers to full-day kindergarten for students receiving special education services.
- Funding for universal preschool for all income-eligible 4-year-olds.
- \$500 million to build child care infrastructure.
- \$45 million for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) screenings for Medi-Cal recipients.
- \$60 million for increased developmental screenings for children.

This is the governor's initial proposal. He will issue a revision in May based on tax revenues, legislative activities, departmental and independent analyses, and public engagement. The budget must be accompanied by an itemized Budget Bill, and approved by the Legislature by June 15.

#### Sources/Resources

- The Arc of California: <http://bit.ly/TheArcBudgetSummary>
- ITUP Insure the Uninsured Project: <http://bit.ly/ITUPbudgetsummary>
- California Department of Health Care Services: <http://bit.ly/DHCSbudgetsummary>
- California Budget & Policy Center webinar briefing (Thu., 1/17; 1pm-2pm). <http://bit.ly/CBPCbudgetwebinar>