

IN THE NARRATIVES THAT FOLLOW:

(★) Indicates that Governor Gregoire has tentatively chosen to include the item in her 2012 supplemental budget proposal in November.

ALSO NOTE:

- ▶ Many items will require notice to clients or providers.
- ▶ Many items will require legislation.
- ▶ Impact descriptions, dollar amounts and effective dates are preliminary and subject to revision due to caseload forecast changes and other adjustments. Numbers have been rounded and may not exactly match numbers in the listing of *General Fund Reduction Alternatives* beginning on page 27.
- ▶ Unless otherwise noted, all dollar amounts are General Fund-State.
- ▶ Dates for eliminations and reductions in services vary. Dates may vary for elimination and an alternative reduction, too, for the same program or service.

HEALTH SERVICES

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

Change eligibility for Children's Health Insurance Program **\$145.0 million**

Terminates funding for 134,000 categorically needy children, as defined by the Medicaid program, above 150 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$33,525 for a family of four. Families will have the option to purchase full health care coverage at 100 percent of the premium.

Alternative: Implement premiums for children over 150 percent of the federal poverty level (★) **\$22.1 million**

Holds premiums between \$50 and \$75 so that no family will pay more than 5 percent of income.

Suspend adult Medicaid pharmacy benefits **\$127.3 million**

Halts state Medicaid plan from providing adult coverage for 277,000 clients now receiving outpatient drugs from a retail pharmacy, effective Jan. 1, 2012. Children will continue to receive benefits. Includes a 36 percent offset for increased medical costs. *Medicaid-optional program.*

Eliminate Disability Lifeline medical program (★) **\$110.0 million**

Ends medical services to 21,000 clients enrolled in the Disability Lifeline and ADATSA (Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Treatment Support Act) programs.

Eliminate Medically Needy Medicaid program **\$61.2 million**

Terminates program now serving 13,000 Medicaid clients, effective Jan. 1, 2012.

Eliminate Basic Health Plan (★) **\$48.1 million**

Terminates program that delivers subsidized health care to 35,000 low-income individuals, effective Jan. 1, 2012.

Establish drug formulary for Medicaid clients (★) **\$37.0 million**

Sets up formulary for preferred generic drugs.

Reduce Apple Health for Kids **\$34.0 million**

Eliminates medical coverage for approximately 25,000 undocumented children.

Alternative: Implement premiums for children over 150 percent of the federal poverty level (★) **\$1.2 million**

Holds premiums between \$20 and \$50 so that no family will pay more than 5 percent of income.

Reduce certified public expenditure hospitals (★) **\$27.8 million**

Cuts state grants for hospitals that receive help with costs of providing charity care. Majority of the reduction will affect Harborview Medical Center and the University of Washington Medical Center.

Modify critical access hospital payment methodology (★)	\$27.2 million
Changes the payment methodology for critical access hospitals to the same methodology used for other hospitals, effective July 1, 2012. Affects 41 critical access hospitals, which are facilities in underserved rural communities.	
Eliminate maternity support services	\$20.9 million
Ends program that provides services to 55,000 pregnant women who are at risk of unhealthy birth outcomes. <i>Medicaid-optional program.</i>	
Alternative: Reduce by 50 percent (★)	\$9.6 million
Maintains the minimum level required by the federal government.	
Eliminate disproportionate share grants (★)	\$13.1 million
Terminates grants to health care facilities in small and rural communities for indigent patients.	
Discontinue routine dental care for persons with developmental disabilities, long-term care clients and pregnant women (★)	\$11.7 million
Affects 38,000 individuals who will receive only emergency dental services. <i>Medicaid-optional program.</i>	
Eliminate over-the-counter pharmaceutical coverage (★)	\$9.9 million
Terminates coverage for all over-the-counter pharmaceuticals for Medicaid clients.	
Institute medical services cost sharing (★)	\$6.1 million
Implements cost sharing for prescription services, non-emergent client transportation, non-emergent emergency room visits and physician services.	
Eliminate medical interpreter services (★)	\$4.8 million
Discontinues the state subsidy that covers the cost of interpreter services offered by medical providers to communicate with Medicaid clients whose primary language is not English. <i>Medicaid-optional program.</i>	
Eliminate state funding for school-based Medicaid (★)	\$3.2 million
Shifts remaining cost for school-based medical services from state funds to local district funds to earn federal Medicaid reimbursement.	
Eliminate health care for workers with disabilities	\$1.9 million
Terminates this program for 2,100 clients who receive health benefits so they can get healthy and keep their jobs. <i>Medicaid-optional program.</i>	

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Eliminate Blue Ribbon Commission Act public health funds (★)	\$9.8 million
Terminates state support to local public health departments to increase vaccinations and reduce obesity and chronic and communicable diseases. Half of these funds were cut in the 2009–11 budget.	

Reduce public health prevention and protection (★) \$7.2 million

Cuts state funds for HIV prevention outreach and direct client services by 10 percent. Will pay only for health coverage for Medicare Part D prescription drug plans so clients keep access to antiretroviral medications. Eliminates dental care coverage for 1,200 clients with HIV. Terminates state funds for other health and prevention programs.

Reduce family planning grants \$6.8 million

Cuts grants that help local jurisdictions provide family planning-related services. This reduction may limit access to clinics.

Alternative: Reduce by 10 percent from base funding (★) \$1.8 million**Reduce environmental health protection (★) \$1.3 million**

Cuts technical assistance and monitoring of water systems, on-site septic system permitting and compliance activities, public health lab community outreach, and surveillance of plague mosquito-borne and tick-borne diseases.

Reduce administration (★) \$936,000**Reduce health care and emergency medical systems (★) \$739,000**

Cuts emergency medical systems and area health education centers. Eliminates malpractice insurance program for volunteer retired provider.