

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--Draft

First DRAFT of Possible Budget Savings Options Fall 2024

Category Admin, PH, BH, Optional, Other	Program/Activity	Brief Description and Rationale / Impacts of Reductions and Other Considerations	Law/Reg. Change Required (cite)
Optional	Reduce pregnancy FPL threshold back to 193% of FPL.	This change was enacted as part of 5580. Reducing the pregnancy FPL threshold back to 193% would require statutory change.	SPA, WAC, and RCW changes required
Optional	Eliminate Doula Services	Doula services have not yet launched. Eliminating services that have not started may be less impactful to clients than long established services.	SPA and RCW change required
Optional	Adult Chiro and Acupuncture		SPA
Optional	Eliminate post partum coverage (60 days is a federal requirement)	Several years ago the Legislature extended post partum coverage from 2 to 12 months. This option is scalable (i.e. back to 2 months or something different). Both Medicaid and non-citizen client currently receive post partum coverage.	SPA, WAC, Waiver, and RCW changes required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit/ Adult Dental *Dentures *Restorative Services *Preventative Services *Partial Dentures *DECOD *Other Dental	We have forecasted 204,000 clients would have received this service. Possible increase in emergency room visits for dental issues.	SPA and RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit/ Maternity Support	We have forecasted 36,306 clients would have received this service	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit / School based Medicine	We have forecasted 18,714 clients would have received this service	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit / Interpreter Services	We have forecasted 96,009 clients would have received this service	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit / Hospice (FFS)	We have forecasted 2,285 clients would have received this service. This will increase hospital stays if service aren't provided at home.	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit / Hospice (MC)	We have forecasted 1,006 clients would have received this service. This will increase hospital stays if service aren't provided at home.	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit / OT/PT/ST (FFS)	We have forecasted 21,658 clients would have received this service	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit / OT/PT/ST (MC)	We have forecasted 71,661 clients would have received this service	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Medicaid Optional Benefit / Abortions	We have forecasted 9,706 clients would have received this service	SPA and/or RCW change required
Optional	Reduction of Client Group /Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment (BCCT)	We have forecasted 318 clients in this group.	SPA, WAC, and/or RCW change required
Optional	Durable Medical Equipment		SPA and RCW change required
Optional	Pharmacy *move pharmacy to FFS	Pharmacy coverage is an optional service in Medicaid but all states offer coverage.	

Optional	Eliminate CHP coverage	This option would eliminate coverage for children covered under the Children's Health Program. This program is a state only. There are currently about 30,000 children enrolled. This option is scalable (i.e. could eliminate certain ages or FPLs).	RCW change required, WAC also
Optional	Eliminate MCS	There are currently about 2,000 clients enrolled in the program.	RCW change required, WAC also
Optional	Kidney Disease program	350 clients received these services in SFY 2024	RCW change required, WAC also
Optional	Apple Health Expansion	Optional coverage category that we may not be able to close immediately. Some FTEs are funded with AHE dollars.	Proviso Only
Optional	State-funded family planning only	Family Planning Only coverage program that is only in Proviso that is available for clients who are not eligible for the federally funded Family Planning Only waiver. This could also be a state-funded only option to consider? This is for individuals up to 260% FPL.	Proviso, WAC updates
BH	Public health dispensing machines	This amount represents the funds added during the 2024 supplemental.	Proviso Only
BH	Reduce Youth Stabilization team FTEs	This option would eliminate the 3 additional FTEs added to youth MRSS teams during the 2024 Supp.	
BH	Eliminate or reduce Recovery Navigator Program		
BH	Eliminate or reduce beds at Olympic Heritage BH		
BH	Eliminate Health engagement hubs		
BH	Reduce funding for Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative	This amount represents the funds added during the 2024 supplemental.	
BH	Reduce MOUD in Jails	Some of this is funded with Opioid settlement funded.	
BH	Eliminate funding for Grays Harbor PPW		
BH	Opioid awareness campaign and naloxone distribution		
BH	Eliminate GFS Medical Respite funding. Assume all services funded by 1115	Medical respite for FFS enrolled clients currently funded with GFS. The 1115 waiver includes this services as part of the HRSN menu of options, protocol is not currently approved. HCA is implementing July 1, 2025.	
BH	Delay implementation of CCBHC	No real savings but cost avoidance. This option would push out the started date for CCBHC implementation.	
BH	Delay implementation of BH comparison rate MFS and or eliminate study funding		
BH	Eliminate Street Medicine pilot	Medicaid already allows this as a place of services.	
BH	Reduce funding to BHASOs		
BH	BHASO FY24 excess reserves	Recover excess reserves from FY24 from BHASOs	
BH	Eliminate enhanced rates for endorsed MCRT	Endorsed teams expected to begin receiving enhanced rates in July 2025.	RCW change required. This was part of 1134.
BH	Eliminate Joint legislative and executive committee (JLEC)	The workgroup is mainly supported by HCA. However, there is some funding for staffing costs at HCA.	
BH	Eliminate or reduce civil conversion enhancement for LTCC	The legislature funded a \$500 enhancement for providers that are willing to accept long-term civil conversion clients. This option is scalable. The enhancement could be removed or reduced.	
BH	Eliminate or reduce LTCC enhancement for complex clients	The legislature funded a \$500 enhancement for complex LTCC clients. This option is scalable. The enhancement could be removed or reduced.	
BH	Unspent opioid abatement funding	Options for using Opioid Abatement funding instead of GF-S. Analysis ongoing	
BH	State Directed Payments: 15% BH rate increase	This rate increase was implemented in CY2023 and is applicable to all BH services except Psych hospital per diem rebase.	
BH	State Directed Payment: PACT teams	This rate increase was implemented in CY2024	
BH-Blake	Arrest and Jail Alternative Programs (5536 Sec. 33(1))	HCA is a passthrough. Funding goes to Criminal Justice Training Commission.	

BH-Blake	23 Hour Crisis Relief Centers (5536 Sec. 33(3))	The amounts in this subsection are provided solely for the authority to award grants to crisis services providers to establish and expand 23-hour crisis relief center capacity.	
BH-Blake	SUD Family Navigator Supplemental Funding (Sec.33(7))	The amounts in this subsection are provided solely for the authority to provide grants to support substance use disorder family navigator programs.	
BH-Blake	Short Term Housing Vouchers (Sec. 33(8))	provided solely for the authority to provide short-term housing vouchers for individuals with substance use disorders, with a focus on providing such resources to people in the five most populous counties	
BH-Blake	Recovery Residences Grants (Sec. 33(9))		
BH-Blake	BH Co-Responder (Sec. 33(10))		
BH-Blake	Youth Inpatient Navigators (Sec. 33(11))		
BH-Blake	LEAD Expansion (Sec. 33(12))	This funding was put out through a competitive procurement to expand to four new Grant sites, and to enhance existing sites operations. (est. 700k)	
Admin	ADMIN - Salaries and Benefits		
Admin	ADMIN - Facility Leases?		
Admin	ADMIN - Travel		
Admin	ADMIN - Admin Contracts		
Admin	ADMIN Phones/Copier leases		
Admin	ADMIN - Goods and Services/Training		
Admin	AG Spending		
Admin	In-house print shop		
ERB	Recover excess employer-funded LTD CFR reserves	Currently the employer paid LTD benefit has an excess of reserves. HCA could request to have these remitted. This is one-time.	