Report to The Vermont Legislature

Report on: Choices for Care Savings

In Accordance with 2018 Act 11 Sec. 7602 (a)(1) CFC: Calculating and Allocating Savings

Submitted to: Joint Fiscal Office

House Committee on Appropriations House Committee on Human Services Senate Committee on Appropriation Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

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Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Act 11 for state fiscal year 2019 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 2018.

Savings is defined as "the difference remaining at the conclusion of each fiscal year between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care and the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an amount equal to one percent of that fiscal year's total Choices for care expenditure." The one percent (1%) is intended to "function as a reserve to avoid implementing a High Needs wait list due to unplanned Choices for Care budget pressures throughout the fiscal year." The Department is required to calculate available savings and report those savings to the Joint Fiscal Office and the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare by September 15 of each year.

As per the requirement in Act 11, we are reporting that in state fiscal year 2018, there are no savings in the Choices for Care program. The final balance in the 2018 Choices for Care program was \$1,958,501.74. This amount is less than the required 1% reserve based on the SFY 18 CFC expenditures which would be calculated at \$1,965,634.97. It is our intention to hold that reserve in case of fiscal need as directed by Act 11, mentioned above. Attached please find the Choices for Care year end summary for SFY 2018.

Choices for Care Year End Summary - SFY18											
CFC is managed as one budget, categories are estimated but funding is fluid within them.											
DeptID - 34100160000											
							State Share Amt		Sta	te Share converted to	
LTC		SFY18		SFY18 Balance of S		ance of SFY18 Approp	as of FY18 Year End		Gross GC Amt		
		Plan\$s Available		Expend and		by fund		Available for		Available For	
		(Final Appropriation)		Obligated			CF/Savings Reinvestment		CF/Savings Reinvestment		
	H&CB Money Follows the								Т		GF staying as GF for Money Follows the Person expenditures. Program expenditures for this grant
	Person GF	\$ 753,719.88	\$	603,427.54	\$	150,292.34	\$	150,292.34	\$	-	will now end in SFY19.
	H&CB Money Follows the										
	Person FF	\$ 2,196,280.00	\$	2,003,721.55	\$	192,558.45	\$	-	\$	-	
	H&CB GC	\$ 71,082,513.00	\$	71,477,995.16	\$	(395,482.16)	\$	(183,029.14)	\$	(396,081.25)	
	Nursing Home GC	\$ 124,929,223.00	\$	122,478,352.65	\$	2,450,870.35	\$	1,134,262.80	\$	2,454,582.99	
LTC Subtotal all funds		\$ 198,961,735.88	\$	196,563,496.90	\$	2,398,238.98	\$	1,101,525.99	\$	2,058,501.74	Carryforward from SFY18 into SFY19 available before obligations. (1% of SFY18 CFC-LTC expenses)
									\$	(100,000.00)	Less: Obligation for SFY19 Emergency Financial Relief expenditures.
									\$	1,958,501.74	Balance of carryforward not obligated
									\$	1,965,634.97	1% reserve requirement, calculated by taking 1% of SFY18 expenses (if available)
									\$	-	amount available for "reinvestment" (if available)