

Overview

Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL)

SFY25 Budget and SFY24 BAA

DAIL Advisory Board Presentation June 13, 2024

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SFY24 Budget Adjustment Act 87 (BAA)

DAIL SFY24 BAA Items:

1. SASH funding: **\$541,947**
2. Brain Injury Program caseload: **\$300,000**
3. Choices for Care HCBS 5% increase in rates not increased in SFY24 base budget: **\$917,500**
4. Choices for Care HCBS Carryforward from SFY23 to SFY24 per statute: **\$410,006**
5. Choices for Care estimated Nursing Home Pressures - Emergency Financial Relief (EFR) requests: **\$17,000,000**
6. Vermont Veterans Home (VVH) Cost Settlement to SFY22 costs: **\$2,835,000**

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All DAIL Governor's Recommended Budget Items Approved:

1. SASH - **\$541,947** increase to base fund total grant amount, which is over \$900K.
2. Child Care Contributions for Independent Direct Support Workers - **\$348,530** across programs.
3. Workers Comp Changes for Independent Direct Support Workers - **(\$50,332)**
4. DS Caseload including Public Safety - **\$11,050,709**
5. Nursing Facility Statutory Inflationary Factor - **\$4,908,476**
6. Nursing Facility Rate Method Changes - **\$9,900,000**
7. Complex Care Nursing Facility Special Rates - **\$4,895,666**
8. 5% rate increase for CFC Case Mgmt, Flex Choices (Transition II), Adult Family Care (AFC) and Moderate Flexible Funding (BAA Item) - **\$1,835,000** to base fund a FY24 item.

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DAIL Items Added by the Legislature:

1. 3% HCBS Rate Increases (CFC, TBI, DS and AAA) - total increase **\$13,096,508**
2. **\$82K** for Adult Day start-up in central VT.
3. **\$1M** for nursing facility staff & medical director recruitment/retention.
4. Ability to contract with case management entities.

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Other SFY25 Items of Interest:

1. Home Delivered Meals –AHS to seek CMS approval as GC Medicaid Investment. \$1M General Funds converted to GC in anticipation as match for **\$2.37M GC**.
2. Nursing and medical student loan forgiveness program.
3. General Assistance Emergency Housing language for eligible people 65+ or disabled.

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