The Health and Human Services Agency oversees departments and other state entities that provide health and social services to California’s vulnerable and at-risk residents. The Budget includes total funding of $231.3 billion ($68 billion General Fund and $163.2 billion other funds) for all programs overseen by this Agency.

**Reproductive Health**

The Budget includes over $200 million in investments to protect the right to safe and accessible reproductive health care.

**Significant Adjustments:**

- **Uncompensated Care Funding for Reproductive Health Services**—$40 million one-time General Fund, available over six years, for the Department of Health Care Access and Information to award grants to reproductive health care providers to offset the cost of providing care to uninsured and underinsured individuals who do not have health care coverage for abortion care services.

- **Equity and Infrastructure Payments for Clinic Abortion Providers**—$30 million General Fund over two years for the Department of Health Care Services to provide supplemental payments to non-hospital community clinics that offer abortion care services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
• Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program—$20 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Health Care Services to establish a pilot program for the purpose of expanding and improving access to reproductive health care.

• Abortion Practical Support Fund—$20 million one-time General Fund to the Department of Health Care Access and Information to provide grants for non-profit organizations that assist patients overcoming barriers to abortion care.

• California Reproductive Health Service Corps—$20 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Health Care Access and Information for a Reproductive Health Service Corps.

• Clinical Infrastructure: Reproductive Health—$20 million General Fund for the Department of Health Care Access and Information to provide scholarships and loan repayments to a variety of health care provider types that commit to providing reproductive health care services.

• Capital Infrastructure: Reproductive Health—$20 million one-time General Fund in grant funding to the Department of Health Care Access and Information to assist reproductive health care facilities in securing their physical and information technology infrastructure and to enhance facility security.

• Covered California Subsidies—$20 million General Fund for Covered California to support the One-Dollar Premium Subsidy program which subsidizes the cost of Covered California consumers for health plans due to federal policy concerning abortion coverage.

• California Reproductive Justice and Freedom Fund—$15 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Public Health to award grants to community-based reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations to conduct medically accurate and culturally competent outreach and education on sexual health and reproductive health issues.

• Backfill Federal Title X Funding—$10 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Health Care Services to backfill the loss of federal Title X family planning funding to support the delivery of family planning services to low-income individuals.

• Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment (PACT) HPV Vaccine Coverage—$8 million ($4.6 million General Fund) in 2022-23 and ongoing for the Department of Health Care Services to add the human papillomavirus vaccine as a covered benefit under the Family PACT program, effective July 1, 2022.
• **Comprehensive Reproductive Rights Website**—$1 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Public Health to develop and maintain a website providing accurate and updated information to the public on the right to abortion care under state law, providers, and options for reproductive services coverage.

• **Research on the Unmet Needs for Reproductive Health Care Services**—$1 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Public Health to research the unmet needs for access to reproductive health care services.

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**CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

The Budget includes $290 million one-time General Fund investments over three years to implement a multi-pronged approach to address the urgent youth mental health crisis.

**SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:**

• **Urgent Needs and Emergent Issues in Children’s Behavioral Health**—$120.5 million General Fund in 2022-23, $25.5 million General Fund in 2023-24, and $29 million General Fund in 2024-25 for the Department of Health Care Services to provide wellness and resilience building supports for children, youth, and parents, support the School-Based Peer Mental Health Demonstration project, develop a video series to provide parents with resources and skills to support their children’s mental health, and to develop next generation digital supports for remote mental health assessment and intervention.

• **Youth Suicide Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program**—$50 million General Fund for the Department of Public Health to support a youth suicide reporting and crisis response pilot program.

• **Children and Youth Suicide Prevention Grants and Outreach Campaign**—$40 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Public Health to support a children and youth suicide prevention grant program and outreach campaign.

• **Early Talents**—$25 million onetime for the Department of Health Care Access and Information to establish a program to attract and support high school students who are considering professional careers in behavioral health.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Medi-Cal, California’s Medicaid program, is administered by the Department of Health Care Services. Medi-Cal is a public health care coverage program that provides comprehensive health care services at no or low cost for low-income individuals. The Department also administers programs for special populations and several other non-Medi-Cal programs as well as county-operated community mental health and substance use disorder programs.

SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:

- **Medi-Cal Coverage to All Income-Eligible Californians**—$835.6 million ($626.1 million General Fund) in 2023-24 and $2.6 billion ($2.1 billion General Fund) at full implementation and annually thereafter, inclusive of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) costs, to expand full-scope eligibility to all income-eligible adults aged 26 through 49 regardless of immigration status. Beginning no later than January 1, 2024, Medi-Cal will be available to all income-eligible Californians.

- **Skilled Nursing Facility Financing Reform**—$340.2 million ($164.6 million General Fund) in 2022-23 increasing to up to an estimated $1.4 billion ($773.8 million General Fund) in 2026-27 for skilled nursing facility financing reform. More specifically, the Budget includes an average 4-percent rate increase and establishes a new Workforce & Quality Incentive Program focused on achieving quality. In addition, the Budget includes a one-year extension of the 10-percent COVID-19 rate increase and includes additional rate increases subject to facilities meeting specified workforce standards such as a collective bargaining agreement or labor-management committee.

- **Retention Payments to Hospital and Nursing Facility Workers**—$1.1 billion one-time for retention payments to hospital, skilled nursing facility, and other specified workers. Retention payment amounts are subject to available funding and dependent upon the number of eligible applicants.

- **Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program**—$1.5 billion General Fund over two years for additional housing and treatment supports to those with behavioral health needs.

- **California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Initiative**—$3.1 billion ($1.2 billion General Fund) in 2022-23 and an estimated $1.9 billion ($698.5 million General Fund) in 2024-25 to continue the implementation of the CalAIM initiative.
• **Medi-Cal Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services**—$1.4 billion ($335 million General Fund) over five-years to add qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services no sooner than January 1, 2023 as a Medi-Cal covered benefit through the Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery system.

• **Equity and Practice Transformation Provider Payments**—$700 million ($350 million General Fund) available through June 30, 2027, with $140 million ($70 million General Fund) in 2022-23, for payments to Medi-Cal managed care plans or providers to advance equity, reduce COVID-19-driven care disparities, improve quality measures in children’s preventive, maternity, and behavioral health care, and provide grants and technical assistance to allow small physician practices to upgrade their clinical infrastructure that allow the adoption of value-based and other payment models that improve health care quality while reducing costs.

• **Los Angeles County Justice-Involved Population Services and Supports**—$100 million one-time General Fund for a grant program to support and expand access to treatment for individuals with behavioral health disorders that are involved in the justice system, of which $50 million is to be targeted to individuals charged with a misdemeanor and found incompetent to stand trial. This replaces lease revenue bond authority that was competitively awarded to Los Angeles County through the Board of State and Community Corrections for a county jail construction project through AB 900, Phase II.

• **Elimination of Various Chapter 3, Statutes of 2011 (AB 97) Rate Reductions**—$19.6 million ($9.0 million General Fund) in 2022-23, $21.2 million ($9.7 million General Fund) in 2023-24 and ongoing to exempt approximately 35 Medi-Cal providers and services from rate reductions implemented pursuant to AB 97 effective July 1, 2022 or January 1, 2023.

• **Sunset the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program**—The Budget includes the sunset of the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program and the implementation of the Children’s Presumptive Eligibility Program effective July 1, 2024 to streamline and improve the delivery of services to children.

• **Pharmacy Retroactive Recoupment**—$114.4 million General Fund in 2022-23 and $28.4 million General Fund in 2023-24 to repay the federal government for foregoing recoupments from independent pharmacies for reimbursement rate reductions in Medi-Cal.

• **Medi-Cal Programs Contingent on Future Resources**—The Budget commits to prioritize providing continuous Medi-Cal coverage for children aged zero through four, and aligning the monthly maintenance income level to the income limit for
Medi-Cal without a share of cost for older and disabled adults if a determination is made in the spring of 2024 that General Fund over the multiyear forecast is available to support these ongoing augmentations.

- **Village San Francisco and Yurok Tribe of California Regional Wellness Center**—$15 million one-time General Fund for the Friendship House of American Indians to support the construction costs of The Village San Francisco and $15 million one-time General Fund to support the Yurok Tribe of California in establishing a Regional Wellness Center.

- **California Peer-Run Warm Line**—$16.4 million General Fund and $13.6 million Mental Health Services Fund for a one-time augmentation to support the California Peer-Run Warm Line.

- **Indian Health Program Grant Restoration**—$12 million one-time General Fund each in 2022-23 and 2023-24 to restore grant funding for Tribal Health Programs. More information on this can be found in the Labor and Workforce Development chapter.

- **9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Augmentation**—$8 million one-time General Fund to support the capacity of call centers to launch and operate the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, effective July 16, 2022. See the Emergency Response chapter for more information.

**Department of Social Services**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) serves, aids, and protects needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility, and foster independence.

**Significant Adjustments:**

- **CalWORKs Grant Increase**—$296.2 million in 2022-23 for an 11-percent increase to CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment levels. These increased grant costs are funded entirely by the Child Poverty and Family Supplemental Support Subaccount of the Local Revenue Fund.

- **Temporary Relief CalWORKs Grant Increase**—$816 million one-time General Fund to be expended over fiscal years 2022-23 through 2024-25 for a temporary 10-percent increase to CalWORKs grants from October 2022 through September 2024.
• **Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) Increase**—$150 million General Fund in both 2022-23 and 2023-24 for an SSP increase effective January 1, 2023. The Budget assumes an additional $296 million General Fund in 2023-24 and $593 million ongoing General Fund for an additional increase beginning January 1, 2024.

• **Family Finding and Engagement Grant**—$150 million one-time General Fund available over five years for a county-optional program to supplement foster caregiver recruitment and retention. The resources will support statewide training and technical assistance on evidence-based best practices for intensive family finding and engagement services.

• **Caregiver Approvals**—$50 million General Fund ongoing beginning in 2022-23 to assist counties in reducing approval timelines for foster caregiver applications. The resources will allow counties to hire additional staff to reduce pending and probationary resource family applications.

• **Flexible Family Supports for Home-Based Foster Care**—$50 million one-time General Fund in both 2022-23 and 2023-24 for additional resources to support resource families.

• **Placement Prior to Approval**—$16.4 million General Fund and federal TANF block grant funds ongoing to provide caregivers with up to four months of emergency assistance payments pending resource family approval and up to twelve months for cases that meet good cause criteria.

• **California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Expansion**—$35.2 million General Fund for planning purposes, increasing to $113.4 million General Fund annually in 2025-26, to expand the CFAP program to Californians age 55 and older regardless of immigration status, based on statute related to the 2021 Budget Act.

• **Food Bank One-Time Support**—$112 million one-time General Fund in 2022-23 and $52 million one-time General Fund in 2023-24 for food banks to purchase, store, and transport food grown or produced in California.

• **Rapid Response Efforts**—$175 million one-time General Fund for Rapid Response efforts to provide additional support for migrant arrivals at the Southern California border and funding for other emergent issues.

• **Minor Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation**—$25 million one-time General Fund for prevention, intervention, and services for youth who have been the victims of sex trafficking.
• **Assistance for Promise Neighborhoods**—$12 million one-time General Fund available over three years to support Promise Neighborhoods in Chula Vista, Corning, Hayward, and Mission.

• **California Immigrant Justice Fellowship**—$10 million one-time General Fund in 2022-23 for the California Immigrant Justice Fellowship.

• **IHSS Permanent Backup Provider System**—$34.4 million ($15.4 million General Fund) ongoing to establish a permanent back-up provider system for IHSS recipients to avoid disruptions to caregiving due to an immediate need or emergency and to provide a $2 wage differential for backup providers.

• **Operating Subsidy Reserves for Board and Care Facilities**—$55 million one-time General Fund for operating subsidy reserves for existing adult and senior residential care facilities as part of the Community Care Expansion program.

• **California Holocaust Survivors Program**—$36 million one-time General Fund for grants for specialized services to holocaust survivors and their caregivers to help them remain independent and safe in their communities.

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**CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

The Department of Developmental Services transitioned the child care and nutrition programs from the California Department of Education (CDE) on July 1, 2021—aligning all child care programs within a single department. The Budget maintains historic investments to expand child care access and increase support to the system that were initiated as part of the 2021 Budget Act.

**SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:**

• **Extension of Family Fee Waivers**—$136 million one-time federal funds to extend family fee waivers for state-subsidized childcare and development services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

• **Hold Harmless: Reimbursement Based on Maximum Certified Care**—$114 million ($6 million General Fund, $108 million federal funds) for DSS to extend reimbursement of child care providers based on maximum authorized care from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

• **Child Care Providers United – California (CCPU) Health and Retirement Benefits**—$100.2 million one-time General Fund for DSS and $100,000 one-time General Fund for the California Department of Human Resources to reflect a side
letter agreement with CCPU that includes start-up funding to support health and retirement access for providers represented by CCPU.

- **Child Care and Development Infrastructure Grant Program Augmentation**—$100.5 million one-time federal funds for the acquisition, construction, development, and renovation of child care facilities.

- **Emergency Child Care Bridge Program Expansion**—$35 million ongoing General Fund to support and expand access to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program.

- **Alternative Payment Program (APP) Capacity Grant**—$20 million one-time General Fund for capacity grants to support APPs.

## Department of Developmental Services

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provides individuals with developmental disabilities a variety of services that allow them to live and work independently or in supported environments. California is the only state that provides developmental services as an individual entitlement.

### Significant Adjustments:

- **Promoting Workforce Stability**—$185.3 million one-time General Fund to address challenges in recruiting and retaining regional center service coordinators and direct support professionals through providing training stipends for direct support professionals ($127.8 million General Fund), establishing a three-month training and internship program for workers who provide direct services ($22.5 million General Fund), establishing a tuition reimbursement program for regional center service coordinators pursuing degrees or certifications in health and human services-related fields ($30 million General Fund), and piloting a program to develop remote technology supports to increase consumer independence ($5 million General Fund).

- **Acceleration of Service Provider Rate Reform**—$263.7 million ($159.2 million General Fund) in 2022-23 for a six-month acceleration in the phased-in implementation of service provider rate reform initiated through the 2021 Budget Act with a continued focus on improving outcomes and quality of services. The Budget also includes $55.3 million ($34.1 million General Fund) in 2023-24 and $888.7 million ($534.1 million General Fund) in 2024-25 to accelerate full implementation of the rate models and quality incentives program by one year.
• **Early Start: Part C to B Transitions**—$65.5 million ($45.1 million General Fund) in 2022-23, increasing to $82.5 million ($55.8 million General Fund) ongoing in 2023-24, to strengthen support for families navigating the transition process for children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities moving from the Early Start program (Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)) to special education (or from Part C to Part B of IDEA). This funding supports reduced service coordinator-to-child caseload ratios, initiatives for preschools to increase inclusion of children served by regional centers, establishment of IDEA specialists at each regional center, and resources to facilitate interagency coordination. See the K-12 Education Chapter for additional information.

• **Early Start Eligibility: Developmental Delay Threshold and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome**—$6.5 million General Fund in 2022-23, increasing to $29.5 million General Fund ongoing in 2024-25, to support adjustments in identifying children with qualifying signs of developmental delays and highlighting Fetal Alcohol Syndrome as a risk factor for intellectual and/or developmental delays.

• **Communications Assessments for Individuals Who Are Deaf+**—$15 million ($9 million General Fund) one-time to support communications assessments that will be used in developing individual program plans to improve services for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who are deaf (Deaf+).

• **Service Access and Equity Grant Program**—$11 million one-time General Fund in 2022-23 to increase the resources currently available for the Service Access and Equity Grant Program, which focuses on supporting strategies to reduce disparities and increase equity in regional center services.

• **Reform of Developmental Services Appeals Process**—$4.4 million ongoing ($3.7 million General Fund) to support the new Division of Community Assistance and Resolution within DDS, which includes a unit focused on implementing reforms to the appeals and hearings process for consumers and families, with an emphasis on increasing ease of access and equity while adopting best practices for alternative and informal processes for dispute resolution.

• **Work Activity Programs: New Service Model**—$8.3 million one-time ($5 million General Fund) to establish a service model pilot program focused on expanding career preparedness for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who are currently served through Work Activity Programs or are recent high school graduates.

• **Financial Management Services for Self-Determination Program Participants**—$7.2 million ongoing ($4.4 million General Fund) to support participants in the
Self-Determination Program by amending statute to move the cost of Financial Management Services out of their individual budgets.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) reduces poverty for Californians by leading the development and coordination of effective and innovative programs for low-income individuals, families, and their communities.

SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:

• **Energy Arrearages**—$1.2 billion in one-time California Emergency Relief Funds to support the California Arrearage Payment Program in further addressing residential utility arrearages accrued during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

• **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)**—$200 million one-time federal fund authority to further address the residential water and wastewater arrearages accrued during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is the state department responsible for public health in California.

SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:

• **The SMARTER Plan and the Next Phase COVID-19**—$1.8 billion one-time California Emergency Relief Fund to continue to respond to the pandemic as well as provide a roadmap for ongoing emergency preparedness. Specific adjustments for the CDPH include:
  ◦ **Medical Staffing**—$100 million to support upfront staffing costs for facilities needing additional medical surge staff during COVID-19 surges consistent with the SMARTER Plan.
  ◦ **Testing**—$530 million for purchasing additional antigen test kits, supporting school testing activities with end-to-end vendors, continuing rapid testing and treatment sites, and supporting laboratory network costs.
- **Vaccines**—$93 million to prioritize vaccination of youth under five years old, additional boosters for eligible populations over 50 years old, and continuation of mobile vaccination sites through the end of 2022-23. In addition, $230 million is for the Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications to support COVID-19 vaccine-related public education and outreach campaigns previously implemented by CDPH.

- **Enhanced Surveillance**—$16 million to continue activities that allow tracking and monitoring of transmission of COVID-19 through wastewater surveillance, epidemiologic data analysis, modeling of future data trends, and research on the long-term impacts of COVID-19.

- **Test-to-Treat Therapeutics**—$158 million to implement a Test-to-Treat Program for therapeutic treatment targeted at low-income, uninsured, and underinsured populations.

- **Border Operations**—$468 million for border operations that will continue the state’s COVID-19 response and humanitarian activities at the southern border in anticipation of increased arrivals.

- **Operations Support**—$183 million for the COVID-19 call center, contractor support and contract costs, and the Public Health Reserve Corps.

- **Emergency Contingency Funds**—$250 million to support unanticipated COVID-19 emergency response needs.

- **Fitness Council**—$7 million General Fund to support the Governor’s Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being and an outreach campaign promoting the benefits of physical activity.

- **Public Health Workforce**—$75.6 million one-time General Fund over three years to strengthen and expand the state’s public health workforce. The Budget includes the specific following investments:
  - **Public Health Workforce: Incumbent Upskilling**—$12.8 million General Fund over four years.
  - **Public Health Workforce: CA Public Health Pathways Training Corp**—$24 million General Fund over three years.
  - **Public Health Workforce: CA Microbiologist Training**—$9.6 million General Fund over three years.
• **Public Health Workforce: Public Health Lab Aspire**—$9.6 million General Fund over three years.

• **Public Health Workforce: CA Epidemiology Investigation**—$9.6 million General Fund over three years.

• **Clinical Dental Rotations**—$10 million one-time General Fund for the Office of Oral Health to establish community-based clinical education rotations for dental students in their final year or dental residents.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGING**

The California Department of Aging helps transform aging for individuals, families, and communities by leading innovative programs, planning, policies, and partnerships that increase choices, equity, and well-being for all Californians as we age.

**SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:**

- **Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) COVID-19 Mitigation & Resilience Grants**—$61.4 million General Fund to provide one-time funding to support CBAS providers in responding to and mitigating the impact of COVID-19 with adult day services.

- **Modernizing the Older Californians Act**—$59.3 million General Fund to provide one-time funding to pilot restoring various local aging programs such as Community Based Support Programs, Family and Caregiver Support, Aging in Place, and Senior Volunteer Development.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION**

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI), formerly the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, is committed to expanding equitable access to health care for all Californians—improving the health workforce, safe and reliable health care facilities, and health information that can help make care more effective and affordable.
SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:

• **CalRX Biosimilar Insulin Initiative**—$100.7 million General Fund in 2022-23 and $700,000 General Fund annually between 2023-24 and 2025-26 to develop low-cost insulin products, including $50 million for the development of low-cost interchangeable biosimilar insulin products, $50 million for a California-based insulin manufacturing facility, and $700,000 ($2.8 million over four years) for state operations to fulfill requirements of the contract partnership, including monitoring, oversight, and legal compliance.

• **Office of Health Care Affordability**—$13 million General Fund in 2023-24, $31.6 million General Fund in 2024-25, and $31.5 million General Fund in 2025-26 and annually thereafter to create and implement activities of the Office of Health Care Affordability. The Office will work to bend the health care cost curve by analyzing the health care market for cost trends and drivers of spending and enforcing health care cost targets while promoting quality and equity. The Budget includes a reappropriation of $30 million General Fund for the Office, originally included in the 2021 Budget Act.

• **Health Care Workforce Investments**—$1.06 billion one-time ($1.05 billion General Fund) over three years to HCAI to strengthen and expand the state’s health and human services workforce. The budget includes the specific following investments:
  ◦ **Nursing Initiative**—$220 million General Fund over three years.
  ◦ **Community Health Workers**—$281.4 million General Fund over three years.
  ◦ **Social Work Initiative**—$126 million General Fund over three years.
  ◦ **Behavioral Health Workforce: Addiction Psych/Medicine Fellowships**—$50 million General Fund over two years.
  ◦ **Behavioral Health Workforce: Universities/College Grants for Behavioral Health Professionals**—$52 million General Fund over two years.
  ◦ **Behavioral Health Workforce: Expand MSW Slots at Public Universities/Colleges**—$60 million General Fund over two years.
  ◦ **Behavioral Health Workforce: Psychiatry GME and Loan Repayment**—$38 million General Fund over two years.
Primary Care Workforce: Song-Brown Residencies—$30 million General Fund over three years.

Primary Care Workforce: Health IT Workforce Training—$15 million General Fund.

California Reproductive Health Service Corps—$20 million General Fund.

Certified Nurse Midwives in Song-Brown—$1 million General Fund.

Song-Brown Nurses—$50 million General Fund over three years.

Golden State Social Opportunities Program—$10 million in Mental Health Services Fund.

Clinic Workforce—$75 million General Fund.

OTHER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS:

- Federal Public Health Emergency Extension—$1.6 billion ($993.5 million in General Fund savings) in 2022-23 and $1.1 billion ($276.4 million General Fund) in 2023-24 to reflect enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage savings for the Department of Health Care Services, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Social Services, and Department of Child Support Services and caseload costs in Medi-Cal associated with the assumed extension of the federal Public Health Emergency from July 15, 2022 to October 15, 2022. Redeterminations are expected to begin January 2023.

- Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Waitlist Solutions—$535.5 million General Fund in 2022-23, increasing to $638 million General Fund per year in 2025-26 and ongoing at the Department of State Hospitals for solutions focusing on Early Stabilization and Community Care Coordination and Expanding Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Capacity for the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) population. This proposal will establish 5,000 beds over four years to support felony ISTs.

- Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court—$64.7 million General Fund in 2022-23 and roughly $49 million General Fund ongoing for the Department of Health Care Services, the Judicial Branch, and the Department of Aging to administer CARE Court, contingent on adoption of statutory changes. The Administration continues to work with Judicial Council and counties to estimate
costs associated with this new court process. See the Judicial Branch Chapter for more information.

- **Non-designated Public Hospital Bridge Loan Program**—$40 million one-time General Fund for the California Health Facilities Financing Authority to support cash flow loans to be repaid within two years for non-designated public hospitals to address financial impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- **Specialty Dental Clinic Grant Program**—$50 million one-time General Fund over two years for the California Health Facilities Financing Authority to support infrastructure grants to specialty dental clinics to increase access to oral health.

- **Office of Youth and Community Restoration**—$10 million ongoing General Fund to support activities, including but not limited to, technical assistance, disseminate best practices, and issue grants to counties and probation departments for the purpose of transforming the juvenile justice system to improve outcomes for justice involved youth.

- **Affordability in Covered California**—$304 million for Covered California to reinstitute California’s premium subsidy program that was in effect in 2020 and 2021 if federal action is not taken to extend American Rescue Plan Act premium subsidies for 2023 and beyond. The 2021 state subsidy program design would continue providing premium support for lower- and middle-income Californians under 600 percent of the federal poverty level.

- **Pass-Through of Child Support Collections for Formerly Assisted Families**—Under current law, families formerly receiving state assistance (such as CalWORKs) do not receive the full “pass-through” of child support payments collected by the state. The Budget waives the state’s share of recoupment to be passed on to families, along with the counties and federal government’s shares of recoupment, resulting in a total estimated pass-through to formerly assisted families of $187 million annually.

- **Earned Income Tax Credit and Young Child Tax Credit**—The Budget includes several changes to the state’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) administered by the Franchise Tax Board, as follows:
  - Create a new $1,000 refundable tax credit beginning in the 2022 tax year for young adults age 18 through 25 who have come through the foster care system, at an estimated annual ongoing cost of around $20 million.
  - Index the $1,000 YCTC amount for inflation beginning in the 2022 tax year, at an estimated additional cost of $14 million in fiscal year 2022-23, growing to $102 million in fiscal year 2025-26.
Allow the YCTC to be claimed by households with zero earned income but who would otherwise qualify for the state’s EITC, beginning in the 2022 tax year and at an estimated ongoing cost of around $55 million.

Prohibit most state tax offsets of delinquent accounts for payments related to EITC and YCTC recipients, beginning in the 2024 tax year. This applies to debts such as unpaid registration fees, tolls and fines, but will exclude child support payments.