

Department of Social Services
Joint Appropriations Committee Summary Responses
January 23, 2014

1. What activities will your agency eliminate, initiate, or significantly change?

The Department does not plan to discontinue any current significant activities.

The Department continues to implement the recommendations of the Governor's Behavioral Health Workgroup including provision of services in unserved areas of the state and developing specialized behavioral health services for nursing home residents. Work also continues related to expanding evidence based behavioral health services and other services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

We also continue implementation of Health Homes for people on Medicaid with high cost chronic conditions. There are currently over 5000 Medicaid eligibles enrolled in one of over 100 health homes in our state. You can learn more about Health Homes on our website at:

<http://dss.sd.gov/healthhome/index.asp>

2. What initiatives for improving efficiency of operations are planned in FY15?

We continually evaluate processes to determine if enhancements can be made to improve efficiencies. As part of the Department's strategic plan, each Division within the Department is working on continuous quality improvement initiatives to improve efficiencies in operations. In addition, the Department will continue to review reimbursement methodologies for providers, state statutes and administrative rules to ensure they are up to date.

3. What are the standards of performance or metrics by which you judge the success and efficiencies of your agency's outcomes?

In addition to budget performance indicator information and internal continuous quality improvement initiatives, the Department complies with and exceeds various federal measures of performance. For instance, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is evaluated annually by the federal government and for 29 consecutive years South Dakota has received federal performance bonuses due to our high accuracy rates in determining eligibility and benefit amounts. In 2013, South Dakota ranked 1st in the nation for accuracy in determining eligibility and 3rd for accurate benefit determination. The South Dakota Division of Child Support is also evaluated annually by the federal government on multiple outcomes

related to child support enforcement and for the last 12 years we were ranked in the top 3 nationally in performance of all states. The Division of Child Protection Services continues to meet or exceed the federal requirement for case worker monthly visits to ensure children in state custody are safe. The Human Services Center Geriatric Unit continues to receive the highest Five Star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

4. What funds from FY14 are planned to be applied to FY15 activities? Are these amounts in addition to amounts contained in the Governor's FY15 budget?

DSS expended the \$20,000,000 Medical and Adult Services general fund carryover in January 2014. Based on current projections, DSS does not anticipate expending the current appropriated Medical Services budget in addition to the carryover funds. Since the source of the carryover was one-time funding, any general funds made available as a result of spending the one-time carryover in SFY14 will result in funds being available again on a one-time basis.

5. What are your plans regarding amending the FY14 General Bill?

We will be presenting information to the committee regarding the reduction to the Medical Services budget of - \$13,906,792 total funds (-\$6,086,570 general funds and -\$7,820,222 federal funds) due to changes in the projected number of eligibles, utilization, and cost. In addition increases due to bureau billings and health insurance will be added to the general bill amendment.

6. What programs and services offered by your agency have been, or will be affected by federal deficit reductions due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 or other actions by the federal government? Were General Funds and/or Other funds used to support the continuation of these programs or services?

The following federal fund sources were impacted by the Budget Control Act:

- Low Income Energy Assistance Program
- Child Care Development Block Grant
- Social Services Block Grant
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families
- Title IV-B and IV-E Child Welfare
- Title III Older Americans Act Funding
- IDEA
- Substance Abuse and Prevention Block Grant
- Community Mental Health Block Grant

- STOP, Family Violence Prevention, Crime Victims
- Projects for Assistance in Transition with Homelessness
- Community Services Block Grant
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for Prisoners
- Strategic Prevention Framework
- Weatherization
- Refugee Resettlement Screening
- Title VII Elder Abuse and Ombudsman
- Data Infrastructure Grants

General funds were utilized in FY13 to support the following programs:

- LIEAP - \$826,000
- Child Care Development Block Grant - \$293,000
- Social Services Block Grant - \$249,000
- Promoting and Safe and Stable Families - \$44,000
- Title IV-B Child Welfare - \$22,000
- Title III-B Supportive Services - \$86,000