

## ABH Preliminary Analysis of the Governor's FY 2013 Budget

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**To:** ABH Members  
**From:** Vic DiGravio, President/CEO  
**Re:** Updated Analysis of Governor Deval Patrick's FY 2013 Budget

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Today, Governor Patrick released his FY 2013 budget proposal (sometimes called H2 after the assigned bill number).

Of interest to ABH members in the Governor's budget proposal:

- Appropriates \$32.3 billion in overall spending; a 5.5% increase over FY12
- Includes \$260 million in new revenue initiatives
- Draws \$400M from the Rainy Day Fund
- MassHealth is funded at \$10.9B; a 5% increase over FY12
- 4% increase in EOHHS spending
- Increases Department of Mental Health Funding by \$14.6M
- Increases the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services by \$1.7M
- Increases funding for the Department of Children and Families by \$25.9M

The budget will now be sent to the House of Representatives. The House Ways & Means Committee will hold a budget hearing in the late winter or early spring, likely in conjunction with the Senate Committees on Ways & Means. In early April, the House Ways & Means Committee will release its budget which will be debated, amended and voted upon by the full House. After this, the Senate will follow in the same manner in May. After each chamber has approved its version of the budget, the Senate President and Speaker of the House will make appointments to a conference committee to resolve differences between the spending bills and produce a final legislative budget known as a conference committee report. The conference committee report will be voted either up or down (no amendments are permitted) by each body, and if approved, sent to the Governor who will have ten days to review the budget and return his vetoes and recommendations for amendment.



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### Department of Mental Health

Line item/program	Final FY 10 (post 9C cuts)	Final FY '11	FY12 Spending	Governor's FY '13
<b>5011-0100</b> Operations Account	\$28,672,819	\$26,401,636	\$26,748,859	\$27,565,416
<b>5042-5000</b> Child/Adolescent Services	\$72,184,407	\$71,773,509	\$71,805,352	\$77,878,882
<b>5046-0000</b> Adult Community Services	\$302,913,735	\$326,755,801**	\$332,466,264**	\$342,427,150
<b>5046-2000</b> Statewide Homelessness Initiative	\$20,134,424	\$20,134,424	\$20,134,424	\$20,134,424
<b>5047-0001</b> Emergency Services/Acute Inpatient	\$34,704,390	\$34,122,197	\$35,134,207	\$35,202,850
<b>5047-0002</b> Emergency Svs/Acute Inpatient RR				
<b>5055-0000</b> Forensic services for the mentally ill	\$8,146,363	\$8,081,928	\$8,104,964	\$9,153,872
<b>5046-4000</b> CHOICE program RR	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
<b>5095-0015</b> State psychiatric hospitals/Community- Based Mental Health Services	\$167,133,711	\$143,900,803	\$146,803,087	\$153,488,321
5095-0017 Trust Fund Contributions			\$10,000,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$634,014,849	\$631,295,298**	\$651,327,157	\$665,975,915

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### Overview:

The Department of Mental Health is funded at \$665,975,915. This represents an increase of \$14.6M (over FY 2012 projected spending).

**5011-0100 Operations.** Although funding for this account appears to be increased by \$816,557, DMH is projecting this is \$264,044 less than what is necessary to maintain existing service and staffing levels.

**5042-5000 Child/Adolescent Mental Health Services.** This funding was increased by approximately \$6M (over FY12 spending projections). Accounted in this funding is 4.65M (annualizing to \$5.65) to comply with Chapter 257 rate adjustments; \$1M (annualizing to \$3M) for implementation of Family Partner Services; \$150K in IRTP relocation costs; inflationary costs due to collective bargaining.

**5046-0000 Adult Mental Health Community Services.** This account is funded at approximately \$342M. Accounted in this funding is the annualization of \$70.4M to support over 80 inpatient planned discharges and relocation of costs for programming.

Similar to past language, the account includes language requiring DMH to allocate up to \$5 million from the inpatient account (5095-0015) as necessary for "community services" for consumers formerly receiving care at DMH facilities.

**5046-2000. Homelessness Services.** This account is level funded.

**5047-0001 Emergency Services/Acute Inpatient.** This account is funded at \$35,202,850; this is an increase of approximately \$69K (over FY 2012 projected spending).

**5095-0015 State Psychiatric Hospitals/CMHCs.** Governor Patrick's FY 2013 budget proposal funds this account at \$153,488,321. This is an increase of upwards of \$6M over FY 2012 projected spending. Accounted in this funding are costs associated opening the new hospital in Worcester and keeping Taunton State Hospital open through December 31, 2112; \$5M for collective bargaining and inflationary increases; a reduction of \$226,250 related to efficiencies within the Statewide Pharmacy's contract; and \$3M in one-time savings resulting from rightsizing of the inpatient system.

In addition, this account contains language mirroring that in the adult community account (5046-0000) which permits the transfer of up to \$5M from this account to the adult community account for "community services" for consumers formerly receiving inpatient care.

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### Department of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

Line item/program	Final FY '10 (Post-9C Cuts)**	Final FY '11 **	FY '12 Spending	Governor's FY '13
<b>4512-0200</b> BSAS Programming & Operations	\$75,924,448	\$75,185,802	\$74,810,802	\$76,539,595
<b>4512-0201</b> Step-Down Services	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000
<b>4512-0202</b> Secure Treatment Facilities for Opiate Addiction/Pilot Jail Diversion	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>4512-0203</b> Intervention, Care Management, and Young Adult Treatment Pilot Program	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Substance Abuse Service Fund</b>			\$10,000,000**	See below
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84,224,448</b>	<b>\$83,485,802</b>	<b>\$93,110,802</b>	<b>\$84,839,595</b>

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#### Overview:

The Governor's FY 2013 budget proposal funds the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services at \$84.8 million. This represents an increase of \$1.7M over FY12 spending (excluding the \$10M supplemental appropriation for the Substance Abuse Services Funding that was included in Ch.142 of the Acts of 2011).

**4512-0200 BSAS Programming and Operations.** This account is funded at \$76.5 million; an increase of \$1.7M (over FY12 projected spending). Accounted in this funding are rate increases for existing services in accordance with Chapter 257, primarily ATS. This money will not fund new or expanded services.

**4512-0201 Step-Down Services.** This account is level funded at \$4.8M. The language states that the account will fund "substance abuse step-down recovery services, otherwise known as level B beds and services, and other critical recovery services with severely reduced capacity."

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**4512-0202 Pilot Jail Diversion Program.** This account is level funded at \$2M.

The account appropriates funding for pilot jail diversion programs primarily for nonviolent offenders with OxyContin or heroin addiction (the number of programs is not specified). The programs will be procured by the Department of Public Health and are to be in separate counties "in a location deemed suitable by the Department of Public Health". The pilot programs "shall provide clinical assessment services to the respective courts, inpatient treatment for up to 90 days and ongoing case management services for up to 1 year." However, "not more than \$500,000 shall be used to support the ongoing treatment needs of clients after 90 days for which there is no other payer. The Department of Public Health must coordinate operations with Sheriffs, the District Attorneys, the Office of the Commissioner of Probation and the Department of Corrections.

Language also states that an individual may be diverted to this or other programs by a district attorney (in conjunction with the Commissioner of Probation) if:

- a.) there is reason to believe that the individual being diverted suffers from an addiction to OxyContin or heroin, or other substance use disorder; and
- b.) the diversion of an individual is clinically appropriate and consistent with established clinical and public safety criteria;

**4512-0203 Family Intervention, Care Management, and Young Adult Treatment Pilot Program.** This account is level funding at \$1.5M. The language states that this appropriation is "for family intervention and care management services programs, a young adult treatment program, and early intervention services for individuals who are dependent on or addicted to alcohol or controlled substances or both alcohol and controlled substances."

**Substance Abuse Services Fund.** \$10M was included in a supplemental budget (Ch. 142 of the Acts of 2011) for the purpose of expanding inpatient treatment facilities and ongoing case management services for persons who are civilly committed under Section 35. This funding will be available through the end of FY13. The Commissioner of Public Health will serve as the fund's trustee.

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### Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS)/Office of MassHealth

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<b>4000-0300</b> EOHHS Admin. Account	\$91,326,742	\$89,970,271**	\$86,557,878**	\$86,291,466
<b>4000-0500</b> Managed Care Plans	\$3,600,131,677	\$3,772,835,669	\$3,980,487,347	\$4,164,475,367
<b>4000-0700</b> TPL Plans/Indemnity/Fee- for-Service	\$1,719,399,286	\$2,009,447,966	\$1,809,829,381	\$1,939,680,126
<b>4000-0870</b> MassHealth Basic*	\$155,139,729	\$165,351,318	\$170,608,370	\$179,909,689
<b>4000-1405</b> MassHealth Essential	\$324,450,150	\$389,757,408	\$493,458,055	\$505,998,457
<b>4000-0950</b> Children's Behavioral Health Initiative	\$65,688,963	\$214,743,708	\$214,743,708	\$221,705,516
<b>4000-0309</b> MassHealth Auditing	-----	-----	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>4000-0114</b> Human Service Pilot Increased training/pay increases	----		\$1,000,000**	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$5,956,136,547	\$6,642,106,340	\$6,757,684,739	\$7,099,060,621

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**4000-0300 Administrative.** The Governor's FY 2013 budget proposal funds this account at \$86,291,466. This represents a reduction of \$266,412M from FY12 projected spending.

The account also retains language requiring the DMH Commissioner to approve prior authorization and other restrictions on medication used to treat mental illness "in accordance with written policies, procedures and regulations" of the Department of Mental Health.

The line item also retains language forbidding expenditures on programs that are not federally reimbursable (including those related to Medicaid, SCHIP, the Section 1115 Waiver or the Community First section 1115 demonstration waiver) except as for administration of the Executive Office for the equivalent of MassHealth Standard benefits for children under 21 who are in the care/custody of DYS or DCF for dental benefits provided to clients of DDS who are age 21 or older. The line item also includes language that requires 30-days advance notice to the House and Senate Committees on Ways & Means before making such expenditures.

The account retains recurring language forbidding EOHHS/Division of Health Care Finance and Policy from implementing provider rate increases in the absence of "all measures possible" under the federal Social Security Act (which includes Medicaid) "*to ensure that rates of payment to providers do not exceed such rates as are necessary to meet only those costs which must be incurred by efficiently and economically operated providers in order to provide services of adequate quality.*"

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Finally, language authorizes MassHealth to use funds for the program known as "Improving the Performance of State Government by implementing a Comprehensive Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework in the Executive Departments

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**4000-0500 Managed Care Plans.** This account is funded at \$4,164,475,367. This is an increase of \$183,988,020 (over FY 2012 projected spending).

The language states that funds shall be used for health care services provided to medical assistance recipients under the executive office's Primary Care Clinician/mental health and substance abuse plan of through a health maintenance organization under contract with the Executive Office and for MassHealth Benefits provided to children, adolescents and adults under clauses (a.)-(d.) and clause (h.) sub-section (2) of the Medicaid law.

The language also directs that no funds shall be expended for children and adolescents under clause (c.) subsection (2) of the Medicaid law whose family incomes exceed 150% of the federal poverty level.

**4000-0700 MassHealth Fee-for-Service Payments.** This account is funded at \$1,939,680,126. This represents an increase of \$129,850,745 (over FY12 spending).

The line item includes language stating that children who have aged out of the custody of the Department of Children and Families shall be eligible for MassHealth benefits until they reach age 21 and states that funds may be used for individuals who qualify for early intervention. The account retains language permitting use of funds to purchase third party insurance for MassHealth members. The Governor's budget renews language permitting EOHHS to reduce premiums and/or co-pays or to offer other incentives to encourage MassHealth members to comply with wellness goals. The budget also retains language permitting the use of funds for disability determination activities, utilization management and review, and patient screenings and evaluations. \$1,939,680,126

**4000-0870 MassHealth Basic.** This account is funded at \$179,909,689; which represents a \$9M increase (over FY 2012 spending).

**4000-0950 Children's Behavioral Health Initiative.** Funding for this account was increased by \$6,961,808 (over FY 2012 spending). This line item replaced the Rosie D. Reserve (1599-7050) in the FY 2010 budget and funding is appropriated for "administrative and program expenses associated with the children's behavioral health initiative...to provide comprehensive community-based behavioral health services to children suffering from severe emotional disturbances."

**4000-1405 MassHealth Essential.** Funding for this account increased by \$12.5M (over FY 2012 spending). The budget adopts language similar to that included in past budgets which directs that MassHealth Essential be operated to provide "preventive and primary care for



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chronically unemployed persons who are not receiving unemployment insurance benefits and who are not eligible for medical assistance but who are determined by the executive office of health and human services to be long-term unemployed..." and who have incomes up to 100% of the federal poverty level.

Consistent with past budgets, account language also permits the restriction of the program to "certain providers" when taking into account capacity, continuity of care and geographic considerations. EOHHS is authorized to limit or close enrollment to ensure that expenditures do not exceed the appropriation, but the Secretary of EOHHS must notify the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing 90 days before limiting or closing enrollment.

**4000-0309 MassHealth Field Auditing Taskforce.** This line item was level funded at \$1M.

The line item provides for the expansion of auditing activities in MassHealth, including audits of high risk services. It also directs the state Medicaid office to employ strategies to improve systems for detection of fraud.



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### Department of Children and Families

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<b>4800-0015</b> Operations account	\$68,088,577	\$65,671,716**	\$65,257,818**	\$69,322,448
<b>4800-0025</b> Foster care review	\$2,677,181	\$2,671,274	\$2,839,006**	\$3,005,350
<b>4800-0030</b> Service Coordination/Admin.	\$7,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$10,215,181	\$10,215,181
<b>4800-1100</b> Social workers for case mgmt.	\$155,091,220	\$155,782,354**	\$162,697,463**	\$168,917,450
<b>4800-0016</b> Transitional Employment Program	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>4800-0021</b> Comprehensive social service prog.	----	----	----	
<b>4800-0038</b> Services for Children and Families	\$293,440,713	\$247,433,594	\$238,142,461**	\$248,173,891
<b>4800-0036</b> Sexual abuse intervention	\$697,508	\$697,508	\$697,508	\$697,508
<b>4800-0041</b> Group care	\$219,854,417	\$201,586,480	\$196,697,573**	\$200,209,988
<b>4800-0151</b> Overnight non-secure placements	\$270,919	\$270,919	\$270,919	\$230,780
<b>4800-0091</b> Social worker development	\$2,133,535	\$2,058,735	\$2,058,735	\$2,077,119
<b>4800-1400</b> Domestic Violence services	\$21,422,460	\$20,094,458	\$20,727,114	\$21,451,537
<b>4800-0040</b> Family Support & Stabilization	----	\$40,950,000	\$43,317,551**	\$44,573,551
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$775,676,358</b>	<b>\$742,217,038</b>	<b>\$744,921,329</b>	<b>\$770,874,803</b>

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### Overview:

The Governor's FY 2013 budget proposal increases funding for the Department of Children and Families by \$25.9M.

**4800-0015 Operations Account.** This account is funded at \$69,322,448; this is an increase of approximately \$4M (over FY 2012 spending).

**4800-0030 Service Coordination/Administration.** This account is level funded at \$10,215,181. The account appropriates funds for the continuation of "local and regional administration and coordination of services" and states that "flex services provided by the department" may be funded from the account.

**4800-0016 Transitional Employment Program.** This account is level funded at \$2 million. Account language states that DCF may enter into a contract with Roca, Inc. to manage the transitional employment program and "to provide services to participants from the aging out population, parolees, probationers, youth service releases, or other community residents considered to have employment needs."

**4800-0038 Services for Children and Families.** This account is funded at \$248M million; an increase of approximately \$10M (over FY12 spending). Funding is appropriated "for services to children and families, including but not limited to permanency, placement and stabilization."

**4800-0040 Family Support and Stabilization.** This account, which funds "family prevention and unification services" is funded at \$1.2M above projected FY 2012 funding.

**4800-0041 Group Care.** The Governor's FY2013 budget proposal funds this account at \$200M; this a \$3.5M million increase (over the FY 2012 spending).

The language in the account permits the use of funds for "intensive community-based services to children who would otherwise be placed in residential settings, including intensive in-home support and stabilization services."

**4800-1100 Social Worker Case Management.** This account is funded at \$168M; this is an increase of approximately \$6.2M (over FY 2012 spending).



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**4800-1400 Domestic Violence Services.** This account is funded at \$21.4M; an increase of approximately \$724,000 (over FY2012 spending). This account funds shelter and support services for people at risk for domestic violence as well as for the operation of the New Chardon Street Homeless Shelter.

**4800-0151 Placement for Juvenile Offenders.** This account was decreased by approximately \$40,000; the reduction is tied to reduced projected costs.



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### Department of Housing & Community Development

Line item/program	Final FY '10 (Post-9C Cut)	Final FY '11	Final FY '12	Governor's FY '13
<b>7004-9033</b> Rental Subsidies for DMH consumers	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000

### Human Services Salaries Reserve/POS Reform

Line item/program	Final FY '10	Final FY '11	Final FY '12	Governor's FY '13
<b>1599-6901</b> Human Services Salaries/POS Reform	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0

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### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Governor Patrick's FY 2013 budget proposal appropriates \$1 million to the **compulsive gamblers treatment program** (line item 4512-0225), which is funded with unclaimed lottery monies.

Governor Patrick appropriated \$3,585,421 for the **Department of Public Health's Statewide Suicide Prevention & Intervention Program (4513-1026)**. This is an increase of approximately \$16,000 (over FY12 spending).

The **Department of Public Health's HIV/AIDS Program (4512-0103)** is funded at \$32 million; this is an increase of approximately \$503,000 (over FY 2012 spending).

The **HIV/AIDS drug assistance program at DPH (4512-0106)** is level funded at \$7,500,000.

\$750,000 is appropriated for a **Department of Early Education and Care line item (3000-6075)** to early childhood mental health consultation services. Preference is to be given to services designed to limit the number of expulsions and suspensions.

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### Outside Sections

**Section 6. Improve Services to Children, Youth and Families.** The Executive Office of Health and Human Services, or other departments within the Executive Office designated by the Secretary may develop (subject to appropriation) and implement activities to improve services and delivery of services for children, youth and families. With the approval of the Secretary the services may include implementing recommendations developed by the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee related to improving coordination and integration among child-servicing agencies, data sharing, improved access, customer service, care coordination and accountability for child outcomes.

(1) Allows for data and information sharing, to the extent permissible under federal law, between agencies and other entities within the Executive Office including but not limited to any department, commission, office board, division or institution to identify individuals receiving benefits or services from more than one agency with the intent to better coordinate benefits and services and create a non-duplicative client identifier system across agencies.

(2) Personally identifiable information as defined under federal law and the state's fair information practices law shall only be used to achieve these goals. The personal data shall not constitute a public record and shall not be disclosed outside the Executive Office and its agencies except otherwise permitted by law. Where necessary under federal law, the regulations shall require that parental consent be obtained.

(3) For the purpose of improving educational opportunities for children and students receiving services from these agencies, the Executive Office shall after consultation with the applicable agencies adopt regulations as necessary to achieve these goals.

(4) Regulations shall describe what data can be shared, the circumstances under which it can be shared, with whom it can be shared, and how it can be used. The regulations shall focus on establishing what is in the child or students best interest.

(5) The Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Executive Office of Education through their agencies shall seek comment from the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, parents, teachers, administrators, students, health and human service providers, early education and care providers, local education agencies, applicable member groups and advocacy organizations.

(6) The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall file with the Secretary of state its initial regulation required by subsection (b) of Section 16F ½ laws, as proposed regulations which require a public hearing within 90 days of this effective act.

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### **Section 25. UMass/Health and Human Services Interagency Service Agreements.**

This section reauthorizes EOHHS to enter into interdepartmental services agreements with the UMass. Medical School to perform administrative activities relative to Medicaid and other federal programs. Activities include administrative services, utilization management activities, determining eligibility, supporting case management activities, consulting services related to quality assurance, program evaluation and development, etc. and services pursuing FFP or cost avoidance. Federal reimbursement for any expenditure made by the medical school for services under ISA or contract to EOHHS will go directly to the school. EOHHS would be permitted to negotiate contingency fees up to \$40 million per year for up to three years for the pursuit of federal reimbursement or cost avoidance. EOHHS would be required to make quarterly reports on the projects and activities taking place under this authorization.

**Section 28. MassHealth and Commonwealth Care Dental Services.** This section provides for MassHealth adult dental to continue as is. It also gives MassHealth and Commonwealth Care discretion to limit adult dental services as needed. It also provides that the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority include preventative procedures to any resident with a household income that does not meet 100% of the federal poverty limit but shall exclude categories of services that are not provided through MassHealth

**Section 29. Nursing and Resident Care Facility Base Year.** This section provides that nursing facility and resident care facility rates effective July 1, 2012 may be developed using the costs of calendar year 2005.



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### Budget Narrative:

**MassHealth.** The Administration's FY13 budget includes \$10.951B for MassHealth, providing for approximately 5% in spending growth (over FY12 projected spending).

*MassHealth Infrastructure* - \$2M investment in infrastructure to support implementation of payments to Accountable Care Organizations that demonstrate increased care coordination.

*MCO Payment Reform Pilot Program* – MassHealth and the Health Connector will launch a payment reform pilot program for MCOs focused on shared savings that will provide incentives for MCOs and providers to migrate towards alternative payment models that encourage better care coordination and accountability.

*Primary Care Medical Homes Initiative* - Fully funds the initiative which began in FY10 with \$10M. There will also be \$3M in funding from the 1115 Medicaid waiver Infrastructure and Capacity Building funds to support the establishment of new Patient-Centered Medical Homes at Community Health Centers. \$9M will also be invested in higher rates for primary care providers and **\$4M for will be invested in higher rates for outpatient behavioral health.** Qualified "Health Home" expenditures will be reimbursed with 90% matching funds under the ACA.

**Commonwealth Care.** The Commonwealth Care program will begin to re-integrate special status immigrants into the Commonwealth Care program. The cost of re-integration is estimated at \$150M and will be covered through the Commonwealth Care Trust with funding from the General Fund and other dedicated revenue sources such as the cigarette tax.

**Wellness Initiatives.** *Smoking Cessation* – Invests \$5M toward smoking cessation programs in government health care programs. Commonwealth Care will receive an additional \$2M and the Department of Public Health will receive \$1M.

**Taxes.** *Cigarette* - Proposes to increase the cigarette tax by 50 cents and extend the tax to other tobacco products which are not currently covered; generating \$62.5M in revenue. *Soda/Candy* – Proposes to eliminate the sales tax exemption for soda and candy; generating \$51.25M in revenue for public health programs.



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**Public Housing.** \$4M increase to support operating expenses at local housing authorities. \$1M to provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals. Increases funding for Individual Homeless Assistance by \$939,000. Increases RAFT by \$8.5M to serve an additional 2,000 families. Increases MRVP by \$10M to support an additional 800 vouchers.

**Veterans.** Includes \$700K for a Veterans Quit Smoking Patch Giveaway Initiative at the Department of Public Health. Includes \$500K to train and employ veterans in manufacturing who qualify for Chapter 115 (a statute that provides veterans benefits. Reimburses cities and towns with veteran's homeless shelters by 100% for services provided.