



City and County of San Francisco
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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

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A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

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Addendum

Mid-June State Budget Update

On June 15th, the California Legislature approved a \$156.4 billion budget for FY 2014-15, which is approximately \$1.2 billion more than the budget originally proposed by the Governor. The State's compromise budget will have little to no impact on SFDPH's budget but does provide enhanced access to some services for SFDPH's client/patient population. Notable health provisions include:

- \$437 million for expansion of Medi-Cal under the Affordable Care Act
- Retention of the 10% Medi-Cal provider reimbursement cuts as proposed in the Governor's original proposal and requires the State Department of Health Care Services to monitor any impact of rates on access to care. The retroactive Medi-Cal cuts for distinct part nursing facilities such as Laguna Honda Hospital were not restored.
- Extension of full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility for pregnant women earning up to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL)
- Creation of a "wrap program" that allows Medi-Cal eligible pregnant women between 139-213% FPL to enroll in Covered California health plans with Medi-Cal covering the costs of premiums, co-pays, and services not offered by the health plan
- A requirement for Medi-Cal to cover behavioral health services when required by federal rules
- \$3 million for HIV demonstration projects, and \$26 million for the Office of AIDS to add new Hepatitis C drugs to AIDS Drug Assistance Program formulary
- \$4 million for restoration of the Black Infant Health Program
- Redirection of \$7 million for suicide nets on the Golden Gate Bridge
- Requirement for local entities that receive state tuberculosis (TB) control funding to first allocate received moneys for activities pertaining to treatment plans for those who are

released from TB detention facilities or subject to detention orders issued by the health officer

The Governor has until the end of the month to sign the budget package along with any “blue pencil” line-item vetoes he may choose to make.

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