

**Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Biennial Budget Highlights**

Department of Health Services

The approved DHS budget increased spending by $3.1 billion overall over the biennium.

* Medicaid/Medical Assistance
  + *Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Rate Increase Continuation:* Provide $43,707,300 in FY2023-24 and $181,951,800 in FY2024-25 to continue the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) HCBS 5% rate increase from April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
  + *Family Care Direct Care Reimbursement:*  Provide $12,993,800 in FY2023-24 and $25,438,800 in FY2024-25 to increase the direct care and services portion of the capitation rates DHS provides to managed care organizations to fund long-term care services for individuals enrolled in Family Care.
  + *Personal Care Reimbursement:*  Provide $12,993,800 in FY2023-24 and $25,438,800 in FY2024-25 to increase Medical Assistance personal care reimbursement rates.
  + *Nursing Home Ventilator Dependent Rate:* Provide $5,000,000 in FY2023-24 and $5,000,000 in FY2024-25 to increase the all-encompassing ventilator-dependent resident reimbursement rate for nursing home care. Require DHS to increase the reimbursement rate under the Medical Assistance program for an authorized facility treating a resident of the facility who has received prior authorization for ventilator-dependent care reimbursed under the all-encompassing ventilator dependent resident reimbursement rate by $200 per patient day.
* Elder and Disability Services
  + *Complex Patient Pilot Program:* Provide $5,000,000 in FY2023-24 on a one-time basis to help facilitate the transfer of complex patients from acute care settings, such as hospitals, to post-acute care facilities, such as nursing homes.
* Public Health
  + *Allied Health Professional Training:* Provide $2,500,000 annually to expand allied health professional education and training grants.  Expand eligibility for the program to include registered nurses.

Higher Education Aids Board

* + *Nurse Educators:* Maintained $5 million in annual funding for this program. However, WiAHC had requested to increase this annual funding total to $10 million.

Department of Safety and Professional Services

* Occupational Credentialing
  + *Software:* $3.57 million for occupational credentialing software and related maintenance.
  + *License Processing Staffing:* 7 license processing contract workers (on a four-year employment contract).
  + *Customer Service Call Center Staffing:* 6 license processing-focused customer service call center contract workers (on a two-year employment contract).
* Prescription Drug Monitoring
  + $1.1 million for software improvements, electronic health records integration, and licensing costs for the state’s electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (ePDMP).