

# Status of Funding for Mental Health Services

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Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth  
in the 21st Century

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# Summary of 2020 Session Mental Health Budget Actions

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- **2020-2022 Biennial Budget:**

- Health and Human Resources (HHR) had a net increase over the biennium above Chapter 854 of **\$1.2 billion GF**. Major funding actions included:
  - Fully funding Medicaid and other mandatory programs.
  - Significant investment to increase a variety of Medicaid provider rates.
- Community Behavioral Health funding was increased by **\$154.5 million**.
- The COVID-19 Public Health Crisis resulted in the unallotment of **\$441.9 million** in new spending in HHR at the Reconvened Session in April.
  - Unallotted appropriation cannot be expended by agencies.
  - **\$134.8 million** of the community-based mental health funding is currently unallotted.

# Community Behavioral Health Services

## Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

GF Actions for the 2020-22 Biennium (\$ in millions)	Chapter 1289	Unallotted
STEP-VA – Continue Implementation*	\$54.0	✓
Permanent Supportive Housing	25.5	✓
Discharge Assistance Planning to Transition Individuals from State Hospitals	20.0	✓
Pilot Projects with Hospitals to Reduce Census Pressures	15.0	✓
Increase Options for Inpatient Services for Children	14.7	
Virginia Mental Health Access Program (Expand Statewide)	8.4	✓
Mandatory Part C Early Intervention Services	5.0	
Forensic Discharge Planning in Jail (Expand to add Three Jails)	3.5	✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$154.5</b>	

\* Includes Medicaid-related costs budgeted in the Department of Medical Assistance Services and administrative costs.

# STEP-VA Funding Status

STEP-VA Service (\$ in Millions)	Base Funding 2020-22 Biennial Amount	2020 Session Funding Added	Unallotted
Same Day Access	\$21.6	-	-
Primary Care Screening	14.9	-	-
Crisis Services*	11.8	11.1	✓
Outpatient Services*	30.0	18.4	✓
Peer and Family Support Services	-	8.1	✓
Military and Veterans Services*	-	8.5	✓
CSB Support Staff	-	6.4	✓
Administration (DBHDS)	-	1.4	✓
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$78.3</b>	<b>\$54.0</b>	<b>\$54.0</b>

\* Includes Medicaid-related costs budgeted in the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

Note: Budget language overrides the statutory implementation date that required all services implemented by July 1, 2021.

# Other Behavioral Health Funding Actions

GF Actions for the 2020-22 Biennium (\$ in millions)	Chapter 1289	Unalloted
<u>Other Behavioral Health Actions</u>		
Medicaid Redesign (Six Services) (Includes Provider Training)	13.6	✓
Professional Mental Health Medicaid Rates to 110% of Medicare	4.9	✓
Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program (Department of Health)	3.4	✓
Transportation from State Hospitals after Commitment (DBHDS)	0.3	✓
<b>Total Other Behavioral Health Actions</b>	<b>\$22.2</b>	<b>\$22.2</b>
<u>Behavioral Health Facilities</u>		
Expansion Costs of Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR)	5.9	✓
State Hospitals Security Staff	5.4	✓
State Hospitals Pharmacy Costs	1.9	✓
Clinical Staff at Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents	1.5	✓
Supervision of Conditional Releases from VCBR	0.7	
<b>Total Behavioral Health Facilities</b>	<b>\$15.4</b>	<b>\$14.7</b>

# Behavioral Health Related Budget Language

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- **Review of Medicaid Peer Recovery Services** – Directs a review and consideration for amending regulations related to peer recovery services.
- **Develop Plan to Pursue Mental Health Services Waiver.** Directs continued work to complete the actions necessary to qualify to file an 1115 waiver application for Serious Mental Illness and/or Serious Emotional Disturbance.
- **Plan to Develop Additional CIT Assessment Centers.** Directs development of a plan to convert Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Centers (CITACs) to 24-hour, seven-day operations and move toward regional CITAC sites.
- **Partnership with the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.** Directs state collaboration with the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) to develop a memorandum of understanding for dedicating a portion of the future beds of a 60-bed CHKD mental health hospital for use in providing treatment services to children or adolescents that may otherwise be sent to the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents.

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# Questions?