



Report of the Subcommittee on
Health and Human Resources

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Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to provide the report of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has reviewed the Governor's proposed budget for SB 800, and numerous requests, for the agencies in Health and Human Resources. In the recommendations before you, the Subcommittee has focused on directing significant investments in the behavioral health system, increasing Medicaid provider rates, and improving the health care workforce pipeline to address critical shortages across the Commonwealth. The Subcommittee's recommendations include over \$423.0 million in additional general fund investments in Health and Human Resources that, combined with the adopted amendments in the introduced budget, total nearly \$850.0 million.

I am proud to announce the Subcommittee recommendations for behavioral health total over \$370.0 million, a significant investment to strengthen the community-based services critical to so many Virginians in need. This funding includes \$50.0 million to nearly double the budget for permanent supportive housing, \$50.0 million to increase compensation for our Community Services Boards to improve staff recruitment and retention, over \$54.0 million to increase rates for Medicaid behavioral health services, and additional investments to improve our crisis system.

You may recall from last year, the Subcommittee approved significant rate increases for a variety of Medicaid provider rates to address the effects of inflation and labor shortages that adversely impacts the ability of lower income Virginians to access needed health care services. The Subcommittee

recommends additional rate increases for personal care, developmental disability services, physicians, nursing facilities, behavior health services, and durable medical equipment, among several others.

The Subcommittee carefully evaluated initiatives to help increase the pipeline for the health care workforce, a critical issue the Commonwealth needs to address. The Subcommittee adopts nearly \$40 million in initiatives to address the nursing shortage and provide financial incentives for individuals training to become behavioral health providers. These investments in workforce come at a critical time and should help to increase the number of practitioners into the future.

Other recommendations I will highlight include a contingent amount for 500 additional developmental disability waiver slots. In addition, resources are included for the looming task of redetermining eligibility for everyone on Medicaid as the restrictions imposed during the public health emergency come to an end. Furthermore, I am pleased that the recommendations before you include a significant increase in the Auxiliary Grant rate to help low-income Virginians who need assisted living services. This action is long overdue.

There are other recommendations including investing in our public health and social services systems and providing needed assistance to people with disabilities. The members of this Subcommittee understand all too well the many needs and challenges in developing funding recommendations in the Health and Human Resources area.

As I conclude, let me thank the members of the Subcommittee for the time they invested to put this report together. I sincerely appreciate the contributions and efforts of each member of the Subcommittee.

With that, I conclude my report for Health and Human Resources. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

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Line	Description	GF FY 2023	GF FY 2024	NGF FY 2023	NGF FY 2024
1	Secretary of Health and Human Resources				
2	Remove Funds for Contractor to Implement Behavioral Health Transformation	\$ -	\$ (750,000)	\$ -	\$ -
3	Remove Funds to Develop Statewide Strategic Plan for the Health Care Workforce	\$ -	\$ (250,000)	\$ -	\$ -
4	Remove Funds for Study on Statewide Coordination of Services	\$ -	\$ (250,000)	\$ -	\$ -
5	Move Funding for Youth Fentanyl Campaign to Foundation for Healthy Youth	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,000,000)
6	Reflect Lower Costs for Catawba Study	\$ (262,376)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	Modify Medicaid Redetermination Task Force Language				
8	Children's Services Act				
9	Remove Rate Setting Requirement and Provide Technical Assistance				
10	Department of Health				
11	Support for the Trauma Center Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
12	Ensure Access to Family Planning Services in Local Health Departments	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
13	Emergency Department Care Management Grants (SB 926)	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
14	Increase Salary Adjustment for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
15	Funding for ALS Assistance	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -
16	Outpatient Data Collection	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ -
17	Prescription Drug Affordability Board (SB 957)	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -
18	Triple Negative Breast Cancer Education	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
19	Adler Hospice Center	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
20	Reach Out and Read Pilot	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
21	Fund Two Positions to Support Workforce Programs	\$ -	\$ 209,488	\$ -	\$ -
22	Provide Support for Hampton Health Department Rent Increase	\$ -	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ -
23	SmartChart Enhancements (SB 1255)	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
24	Virginia Perinatal Neonatal Collaborative (SB 1531)	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -
25	Natasha House	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -
26	Repurpose Earn to Learn Nursing Education Program Funds to Higher Education	\$ -	\$ (10,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -
27	Consolidate Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Programs				
28	Set Aside Nurse Workforce Funds for School Nurses				
29	Modify Funding for Statewide Fentanyl Response Strategy				
30	COPN for 90 Beds at Central Virginia Training Center Property				
31	Hepatitis B and C Elimination Strategy				
32	Priority Drinking Water Project for Mendota				
33	Department of Health Professions				
34	Develop Criteria for Certified Anesthesia Assistants				

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Line	Description	GF FY 2023	GF FY 2024	NGF FY 2023	NGF FY 2024
35	Department of Medical Assistance Services				
36	Personal Care Rates (12% for Agency and Consumer-directed)	\$ -	\$ 58,262,851	\$ -	\$ 66,071,783
37	Physician Rate Increase (5% for Primary Care, Pediatrics, and Psychiatric)	\$ -	\$ 28,206,746	\$ -	\$ 30,652,341
38	Increase Developmental Disability Waiver Rates (5%)	\$ -	\$ 28,037,002	\$ -	\$ 30,470,932
39	Nursing Facility Reimbursement Changes	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000
40	Increase Rates for Behavioral Health Services (10%)	\$ -	\$ 17,399,136	\$ -	\$ 36,973,347
41	Comprehensive Children's Health Insurance Program	\$ -	\$ 7,324,020	\$ -	\$ -
42	Durable Medical Equipment Rates (For Certain Products)	\$ -	\$ 6,163,453	\$ -	\$ 8,177,789
43	Locally-owned Nursing Homes	\$ -	\$ 5,750,000	\$ -	\$ (5,750,000)
44	Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters Supplemental Payments	\$ -	\$ 5,153,878	\$ -	\$ 5,896,122
45	Medicaid Redetermination Contractor	\$ -	\$ 2,824,031	\$ -	\$ 13,363,236
46	Consumer-directed Facilitation Services	\$ -	\$ 1,884,261	\$ -	\$ 2,254,788
47	Supported Living Residential Rate	\$ -	\$ 967,073	\$ -	\$ 1,092,927
48	Modify Waiver Services Limits (SB 945)	\$ -	\$ 549,756	\$ -	\$ 597,222
49	Review of Medicaid Managed Care Reprocurement	\$ (1,689,750)	\$ 500,000	\$ (2,594,750)	\$ -
50	Parity of Mental Health and Substance Use Rates	\$ -	\$ 437,836	\$ -	\$ 1,358,707
51	Enhancements to the Dental Program	\$ -	\$ 428,271	\$ -	\$ 694,772
52	Paid Sick Leave for Health Care Workers (SB 886)	\$ -	\$ 373,049	\$ -	\$ 406,496
53	Medicaid Works Eligibility (To 200%)	\$ -	\$ 292,064	\$ -	\$ 315,445
54	Center for Health Innovation Primary Care Value-based Pilot	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ 275,000
55	Technical Assistance to School Divisions	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
56	Feasibility of Adding Core Services Waiver for Developmental Disabilities	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
57	Rate Study for Behavioral Health Services	\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 225,000
58	Medically Needy Spenddown for the Waivers (SB 831)	\$ -	\$ 128,000	\$ -	\$ 384,000
59	Study Community Health Worker Medicaid Benefit	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
60	Sickle Cell Disease Review and Reporting	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
61	Collaborative Care Management	\$ -	\$ 43,177	\$ -	\$ 383,834
62	Increase Rates for Peer Monitoring Service	\$ -	\$ 6,903	\$ -	\$ 10,052
63	Account for Extension of the Federal Public Health Emergency	\$ 30,808,394	\$ (129,975,273)	\$ (28,374,000)	\$ (535,419,734)
64	Health Care Fund (Medicaid Offset)	\$ (10,000,000)	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -
65	Children's National Medical Center IME Payments				
66	Supplemental Payments to Private Hospitals				
67	Rates for Specialized Care Facilities				
68	Nursing Facility Value-based Program Inflation Factor				
69	Report on Traumatic Brain Injury				

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70	Clarify Medicaid Residency Program				
71	Plan for Priority One Waitlist Elimination				
72	Reimbursement Policy for Federally Qualified Health Centers				
73	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services				
74	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$ -	\$ 50,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
75	Compensation Increase for Community Services Boards	\$ -	\$ 50,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
76	Fund Additional Crisis Services	\$ -	\$ 30,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
77	STEP-VA Inflation Adjustment	\$ -	\$ 8,700,000	\$ -	\$ -
78	Children's Mental Health Services	\$ -	\$ 8,400,000	\$ -	\$ -
79	Virginia Mental Health Access Program	\$ -	\$ 7,900,000	\$ -	\$ -
80	Transfer of Funds from Comp. Board to Off-Duty TDO Program	\$ -	\$ 4,074,631	\$ -	\$ -
81	One-Time Funding for Developmental Disability Innovations	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
82	Cannabis Youth Prevention Programs	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
83	Contract for Community Services Board Portal	\$ -	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ -
84	Trauma Informed Training (SB 1300)	\$ -	\$ 343,242	\$ -	\$ -
85	Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC)	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
86	Regional All Abilities Playground Facility	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
87	On Our Own Peer Recovery Center	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
88	Remove One Cybersecurity Position	\$ -	\$ (130,582)	\$ -	\$ -
89	Remove Two Waiver Support Positions	\$ -	\$ (162,878)	\$ -	\$ (23,268)
90	Remove Three Crisis Services Positions	\$ -	\$ (507,122)	\$ -	\$ -
91	Stakeholder Workgroup on Transferring Hospital Patients				
92	Central State Hospital Feasibility Study for Records Archive				
93	Community Services Board Workforce Reporting				
94	Review of Community Services Board Contracts				
95	Report on Community Services Board-level Performance Information				
96	Hope Family Village				
97	Broaden Definition of Appropriate Community Housing				
98	Review of Community Services Boards Medicaid Billing and Standardization				
99	Community Services Board and Reporting Requirement				
100	Children's Training for Preadmission Screenings				
101	Community Services Board Compensation Requirements and Reporting				
102	Modify Eligible Groups for Boost 200 Program				
103	Plan for Increasing State Hospital Bed Capacity				

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104	Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services				
105	Centers for Independent Living	\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ -
106	Expand Brain Injury Case Management	\$ -	\$ 570,000	\$ -	\$ -
107	Funding for Brain Injury Services	\$ -	\$ 675,000	\$ -	\$ -
108	Supplemental Funding for Area Agencies on Aging	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ -
109	Guardianship Training (SB 1140)	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -
110	Council for Aging Director (SB 1218)	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -
111	Adjust Funding for Disability Determination Services	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -
112	Compile Transition Resources				
113	Department of Social Services				
114	Auxiliary Grant Rate Increase	\$ -	\$ 29,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
115	Increase TANF Standards of Assistance by 10%	\$ -	\$ 1,205,712	\$ -	\$ 9,779,437
116	Increase Personal Needs Allowance for Auxiliary Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -
117	Fund Child Advocacy Centers	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -
118	Jay T. Swett Learning Center and Transitional Housing	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
119	Driver's License Program for Foster Care Youth	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
120	Afterschool Care for Foster Care Youth	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
121	Virginia Community Action Virginia Cash Campaign	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
122	Fund Rent Increase for Hampton Social Services Office	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -
123	State-funded Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -
124	Expand Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000
125	Youth for Tomorrow	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
126	Lighthouse Community Center	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -
127	Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Roof	\$ -	\$ 68,000	\$ -	\$ -
128	Adjust SNAP Disallowance Repayment	\$ (3,070,626)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
129	Child Welfare Federal Match Savings	\$ (4,500,000)	\$ (3,750,000)	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 3,750,000
130	Ecumenical Community Helping Others (TANF)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
131	Lorton Community Action Center (TANF)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
132	Community Employment and Training Language (TANF)				
133	Clarify Funding for Refugee Resettlement Agencies				
134	Extend Application Period for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program				
135	Update Assisted Living Facility Regulations for Licensed Administrators				
136	Other Health and Human Resources				
137	Opioid Abatement Authority Language				
138	Miscellaneous Language Amendments				

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139					
140	Total Health and Human and Resources	\$ 10,285,642	\$ 254,346,725	\$ (16,468,750)	\$ (311,949,772)
141					
142	Central Appropriations				
143	Move ARPA Funds for Eligibility to First Year and Adjust Language	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ (10,000,000)
144	Appropriation of Other Grants (Technical)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,319	\$ -
145	Move Funding for Youth Fentanyl Campaign	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
146	Part 4: General Provisions				
147	Restore Language Related to Abortion Services				

Item 304 #1s

Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$967,073	GF
	\$0	\$1,092,927	NGF

Language:

Page 355, line 40, strike "\$22,919,178,986" and insert "\$22,921,238,986".

Page 384, after line 31, insert:

"YYYY. Effective July 1, 2023, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to set the rate for Supported Living equivalent to the rate for Group Home Residential (4-person or fewer)."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund and \$1.1 million from nongeneral funds in the second year to increase the rate for the Supported Living Residential waiver service to equal the rate for Group Home Residential (4-person or fewer).)

Item 304 #2s

Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$5,153,878	GF
	\$0	\$5,896,122	NGF

Language:

Page 355, line 40, strike "\$22,919,178,986" and insert "\$22,930,228,986".

Page 384, after line 31, insert:

"YYYY. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall implement managed care directed payments for physician services for practice plans affiliated with a freestanding children's hospital with more than 50 percent Medicaid utilization in fiscal year 2009 for \$11,050,000 million annually but not to exceed the average commercial rate. The department shall have the authority to implement this reimbursement change effective July 1, 2023, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such changes. The agency shall implement this by determining at the beginning of each year the percent of Medicaid that will result in estimated payments of \$11,050,000 million annually."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.2 million from the general fund and \$5.9 million nongeneral fund to authorize the Department of Medical Assistance Services to make physician supplemental payments for managed care patients of Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters (CHKD). These payments help cover the cost of caring for

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thousands of children facing life-threatening illnesses, traumatic injuries and chronic conditions as well as those who need access to routine well-child care regardless of their families' ability to pay for services. Additionally, Physician Supplemental Payments would help CHKD address critical workforce development needs as the region's only teaching hospital for pediatrics. These payments would also support operational expenses incurred by CHKD associated with their Pediatric Mental Health Expansion.)

Item 304 #3s

Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$58,262,851	GF
Services	\$0	\$66,071,783	NGF

Language:

Page 355, line 40, strike "\$22,919,178,986" and insert "\$23,043,513,620".
 Page 384, line 30, strike "five", and insert: "twelve".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$58.3 million from the general fund and \$66.1 million from nongeneral funds the second year to increase reimbursement rates by twelve percent for Medicaid personal care, respite, and companionship services provided in agency-directed and consumer-directed waiver programs. The introduced budget proposed a five percent increase and this amendment raises the increase to 12 percent. This would change the consumer-directed rest-of-state rate from \$12.70 to \$14.22 per hour and the Northern Virginia rate from \$16.45 to \$18.42 per hour. The agency-directed rate would increase from \$18.51 to \$20.73 per hour for rest-of-state and from \$21.79 to \$24.40 per hour in Northern Virginia.)

Item 304 #10s

Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$1,884,261	GF
Services	\$0	\$2,254,788	NGF

Language:

Page 355, line 40, strike "\$22,919,178,986" and insert "\$22,923,318,035".
 Page 384, after line 31, insert:

"YYYY. Effective July 1, 2023, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall increase the rates for these services in the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus waiver and the Developmental Disability waivers: CD Management Training shall be increased to \$70.51 per hour in Rest-of-State and to \$78.55 per hour in Northern Virginia; CD Initial Comprehensive Visit shall be increased to \$282.04 per visit in Rest-of-State and to \$314.20 per visit in Northern

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Virginia; CD Routine Visit shall be increased to \$88.14 per visit in Rest-of-State and to \$98.19 per visit in Northern Virginia; and CD Reassessment Visit shall be increased to \$141.02 per visit in Rest-of-State and to \$157.10 per visit in Northern Virginia. The rates for CD Employee Management Training / Consumer Training shall be maintained at \$200.49 per visit in Rest-of-State and at \$260.63 per visit in Northern Virginia. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.9 million from the general fund and \$2.3 million from nongeneral funds the second year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to update the rates for consumer-direct facilitation services based on a recent rate study.)

	Item 304 #14s	
Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$437,836 GF
	\$0	\$1,358,707 NGF

Language:

Page 355, line 40, strike "\$22,919,178,986" and insert "\$22,920,975,529".

Page 384, after line 31, insert:

"YYYY. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall increase the rates for mental health partial hospitalization from a per diem rate of \$250.62 to \$500.00 and shall increase the rate for mental health intensive outpatient programs from a per diem of \$159.20 to \$250.00. The department shall have the authority to implement this reimbursement change effective July 1, 2023, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to establish reimbursement parity between substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health (MH) partial hospitalization (PHP) and intensive outpatient programs (IOP) by increasing the MH PHP and IOP reimbursement rates to the same reimbursement rate as SUD PHP and IOP.)

	Item 304 #19s
Health and Human Resources	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	Language

Language:

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Page 375, line 14 after “2022”, strike “and” and insert “,”.

Page 375, line 14 after “2023”, insert “and 2024”.

Page 375, line 15, after “year” strike “2023” and insert “2024”.

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to inflate the Medicaid Specialized Care Facility rates for one additional year in lieu of the normal annual rebasing. The amendment also sets a process and timeline for the department and stakeholders to examine current data that would typically be used for the rebasing to determine its accuracy for such purpose in order to allow a return to the normal rebasing process after FY 2024. This amendment is language only as the rebasing process already includes inflation.)

	Item 308 #6s		
Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$100,000	GF
	\$0	\$100,000	NGF

Language:

Page 385, line 32, strike "\$289,288,829" and insert "\$289,488,829".

Page 393, after line 33, insert:

"II. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 from the general fund and \$100,000 from nongeneral funds the second year is provided for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to conduct a study of an evidence-based benefit design for Community Health Worker (CHW) services in the Medicaid program. The study shall focus on developing an evidence-based benefit design for the reimbursement of CHW services, evaluating barriers, developing an actuarially sound reimbursement rate, and the cost effectiveness of a CHW benefit."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund and \$100,000 from nongeneral funds the second year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to conduct a study of an evidence-based benefit design for Community Health Worker (CHW) services in the Medicaid program. The study would focus on developing an evidence-based benefit design for the reimbursement of CHW services, evaluating barriers, developing an actuarially sound reimbursement rate, and the cost effectiveness of a CHW benefit.)

	Item 312 #2s		
Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$7,900,000	GF
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Language:

Page 401, line 4, strike "\$167,062,449" and insert "\$174,962,449".
 Page 402, line 30, after "first year and", strike "\$6,885,488" and insert "\$14,785,488".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7.9 million the second year from the general fund to support the continued implementation and management of the expansion of Virginia Mental Health Access (VMAP) program to early childhood (ages zero to five). Funds would include the addition of regional early childhood specialists and new training of primary care providers. Funds will also allow VMAP to plan, implement, and manage expansion to pregnant and postpartum mothers. VMAP will train both the OB/GYNs and pediatric clinicians on screening and early recognition of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders.)

Item 313 #4s

Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$8,700,000	GF

Language:

Page 405, line 10, strike "\$655,486,687" and insert "\$664,186,687".
 Page 411, after line 16, insert:
 "RR. Out of this appropriation, \$8,700,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to increase funding for the first three steps of STEP-VA, including same day access, primary care screening, and outpatient services at community service boards."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.7 million the second year from the general fund to increase funding for same day access, primary care screening, and outpatient services at community services boards (CSB), which are the first three steps of STEP-VA. This funding will mitigate the costs of inflation CSBs are experiencing while performing these services.)

Item 341 #1s

Health and Human Resources	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$1,205,712	GF
	\$0	\$9,779,437	NGF

Language:

Page 426, line 18, strike "\$164,541,467" and insert "\$175,526,616".

Page 428, after line 25, insert:

"O. The Department of Social Services shall increase the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash benefits and income eligibility threshold by 10 percent effective July 1, 2023."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$9.8 million from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds and \$1.2 million from the general fund for a 10 percent increase in the TANF standards of assistance. The 2021 Appropriation Act included language providing for annual increases for TANF until it was 50 percent of the federal poverty level. It would then adjust annually to remain fixed at that level.)
