

**Department of Human Services  
Budget No. 325  
House Bill Nos. 1012, 1003, and 1395**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2021-23 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>2,249.33</b>	<b>\$1,579,020,870</b>	<b>\$3,192,121,644</b>	<b>\$4,771,142,514</b>
2021-23 base budget	2,230.23	1,461,150,884	2,623,604,181	4,084,755,065
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	19.10	\$117,869,986	\$568,517,463	\$686,387,449

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>Ongoing General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>One-Time General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>
<b>2021-23 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>\$1,554,787,654</b>	<b>\$24,233,216</b>	<b>\$1,579,020,870</b>
2019-21 legislative appropriations	1,461,150,884	1,512,603	1,462,663,487
2021-23 legislative increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	\$93,636,770	\$22,720,613	\$116,357,383
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	6.4%	1,502.1%	8.0%

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS  
Changes to Base Budget**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:				
<b>Departmentwide</b>				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes		(\$6,139,265)	\$15,258,184	\$9,118,919
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022		7,642,068	2,218,302	9,860,370
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,428.77 per month		84,141	24,009	108,150
Appropriated estimated <b>one-time federal COVID-19 funding</b> to be received through the federal American Rescue Plan Act and other sources for various department programs (House Bill No. 1395)			241,689,840	241,689,840
<b>Management</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
Adjusted funding for continued program changes		341,831	841,290	1,183,121

Adjusted funding and FTE positions as requested in the department's savings plan	8.00	431,068	440,358	871,426
Reduced funding for operating expenses		(2,000,000)		(2,000,000)
<b>Information Technology Services</b>				
Adjusted funding for data processing costs and other program changes		14,822,924	4,401,791	19,224,715
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan		(4,396,355)	(3,012,157)	(7,408,512)
Added funding for technology contractual services and repairs		4,010,886		4,010,886
Added funding for an early childhood data system		500,000		500,000
Added funding for Microsoft Office 365 licensing expenses		200,315	50,079	250,394
Reprioritized other funds from other agency budget areas for information technology costs			2,324,362	2,324,362
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for the first phase of upgrading the Medicaid management information system (MMIS)		4,326,686	30,673,314	35,000,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for a child welfare technology project		15,000,000	15,000,000	30,000,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for data automation services		98,186	98,186	196,372
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for the MMIS technology stack project		600,000	1,800,000	2,400,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for quality measures services		11,344	34,031	45,375
<b>Program and Policy</b>				
Added provider inflation funding to provide a 2.0 percent increase the 1 <sup>st</sup> year of the biennium and a 0.25 percent increase the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium		18,998,506	20,280,419	39,278,925
Adjusted funding based on anticipated changes to the state's federal medical assistance percentage to 52.40 percent for federal fiscal year 2021 and 53.50 percent for federal fiscal year 2022		(45,779,364)	45,779,364	0
Added federal funding and FTE positions for refugee resettlement services	4.00		4,337,408	4,337,408
<b>Economic Assistance</b>				
Adjusted funding for continued program changes		(210,585)	3,276,939	3,066,354
Adjusted funding for estimated cost and caseload changes		2,952,453	8,382,789	11,335,242
Added 1 FTE specialty eligibility position	1.00	43,639	130,917	174,556
<b>Child Support</b>				
Adjusted funding for continued program changes		36,397	(91,785)	(55,388)
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan		(103,906)	(357,788)	(461,694)
Added FTE positions and funding for duties being transferred from the judicial branch to child support	3.50	308,126	209,662	517,788

**Medical Services**

Adjusted funding for continued program changes		2,493,060	5,504,976	7,998,036
Adjusted funding for estimated cost and caseload changes		55,976,251	100,813,594	156,789,845
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan, excluding changes to Medicaid Expansion administration and rates		(999,112)	5,250,858	4,251,746
Reprioritized other funds for the dental access program for information technology costs			(40,000)	(40,000)
Adjusted the source of funding from the tobacco prevention and control trust fund (\$6 million) and community health trust fund (\$900,000) to the general fund. After the adjustments, there is no funding provided from the tobacco prevention and control trust fund and \$31.5 million from the community health trust fund		6,900,000	(6,900,000)	0
Reduced funding for Medicaid grants in anticipation in savings from lower cost, caseload, and utilization		(9,580,913)	(9,955,925)	(19,536,838)
Added funding for vaccines for Medicaid recipients		1,581,000	1,819,000	3,400,000
Added funding for services to be provided due to a Department of Justice lawsuit settlement relating to providing home- and community-based services		66,465	199,395	265,860
Transferred 19- and 20-year old individuals in Medicaid Expansion to fee-for-service arrangement	0.50	(2,413,379)	(2,745,227)	(5,158,606)
Adjusted estimated Medicaid utilization rates for inpatient and outpatient hospital		(176,553)	(202,213)	(378,766)
Restored funding related to per member per month payments		769,869	882,371	1,652,240
Added funding to allow interpreter services to be covered by Medicaid		249,600	249,600	499,200
Added funding for the costs to provide Medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitoring devices as provided in House Bill No. 1288		479,585	1,297,885	1,777,470
Adjusted funding based on changes to the tribal health care coordination fund in House Bill No. 1407			7,181,628	7,181,628
Added funding for costs to provide Medicaid coverage of metabolic supplements as provided in Senate Bill No. 2224		9,300	10,700	20,000

**Long-Term Care**

Adjusted funding for estimated cost and caseload changes		40,219,972	37,478,740	77,698,712
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan		(7,871,872)	(960,285)	(8,832,157)
Reprioritizes other funds for the basic care program for information technology costs			(2,284,362)	(2,284,362)
Restored funding for the basic care program		5,300,000		5,300,000

Adjusted the source of funding from the health care trust fund to the general fund		1,000,000	(1,000,000)	0
Adjusted funding for estimated utilization rates		(9,395,558)	(9,429,807)	(18,825,365)
Provided \$1,000,000 of funds from the health care trust fund and \$1,150,538 of federal funding authority for nursing home operating margins			2,150,538	2,150,538
Added funding for services to be provided due to a Department of Justice lawsuit settlement relating to providing home- and community-based services		1,578,002	1,596,372	3,174,374
Transferred \$300,000 of funding from the autism waiver program to the autism voucher program				
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for changes associated with the implementation of a new nursing facility payment methodology		3,348,000	3,852,000	7,200,000
<b>Developmental Disabilities Council</b>				
Adjusted funding for continued program changes			124,949	124,949
<b>Aging Services</b>				
Adjusted funding for continued program changes		126,302	2,384,246	2,510,548
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan		(248,240)	(163,425)	(411,665)
Added 1 FTE position and funding for services to be provided due to a Department of Justice lawsuit settlement relating to providing home- and community-based services	1.00	300,000	150,000	450,000
Added funding for a Senior Community Services Employment Program demonstration grant			889,285	889,285
Increased funding for dementia services grants to provide a total of \$1.3 million		268,000		268,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund for senior nutrition services			2,457,638	2,457,638
Made a one-time adjustment for the 2021-23 biennium for senior nutrition services		(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
<b>Children and Family Services</b>				
Adjusted funding for continued program changes		3,172,228	(394,323)	2,777,905
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan		(12,191,335)	(7,728,080)	(19,919,415)
Restored a portion of funding removed due to 1915(i) realignment of funding		100,000		100,000
Adjusted funding for cost and caseload changes		(6,187,819)	6,025,058	(162,761)
Transferred early childhood program funding and FTE positions from the Department of Public Instruction as provided in House Bill No. 1416	3.00	300,000	400,000	700,000

Added funding for an early childhood grant program as provided in House Bill No. 1466	3.70	1,500,000	3,958,910	5,458,910
Delayed the realignment of therapeutic foster care targeted case management rates		549,585	632,319	1,181,904
Added funding and FTE positions for regulatory duties of child care and early childhood programs	8.00	430,000	150,000	580,000

#### Behavioral Health Division

Adjusted funding for continued program changes		156,645	(1,957,536)	(1,800,891)
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan		(832,173)		(832,173)
Restored a portion of funding removed due to 1915(i) realignment of funding		378,236		378,236
Adjusted funding for cost and caseload changes		5,427,067		5,427,067
Increased funding for substance use disorder vouchers to \$15 million and added \$2 million for substance use disorder grants		9,000,000		9,000,000
Added 1 FTE grants and funding position	1.00	171,455		171,455
Added funding from an opioid-related lawsuit settlement for opioid addiction prevention and treatment services (House Bill No. 1003)			2,000,000	2,000,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund for the community behavioral health program			1,750,000	1,750,000

#### Vocational Rehabilitation

Adjusted funding for continued program changes		(416,293)	(381,081)	(797,374)
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#### Developmental Disabilities

Adjusted funding for continued program changes		(11,821)	163,017	151,196
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan		(2,252,289)	(1,926,850)	(4,179,139)
Adjusted funding for cost and caseload changes		19,323,007	22,244,014	41,567,021
Restored funding for small agency accreditation costs		100,000		100,000
Added funding for the experienced parent program		260,000		260,000
Restored funding for Section 11 supported housing and employment		373,261		373,261
Increased corporate guardianship slots by 10 to provide for 499 total slots		98,311		98,311
Restored funding for recreational and leisure services grants		150,000		150,000
Adjusted funding for crisis beds to reflect updated budget estimates		(30,156)	116,556	86,400
Restored a portion of funding reduced in the agency savings plan for adjustments to provider rates		2,000,000	2,200,000	4,200,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> to provide emergency stabilization grants to developmental disability providers		125,000		125,000

**Field Services**

Added provider inflation funding to provide a 2.0 percent increase the 1 <sup>st</sup> year of the biennium and a 0.25 percent increase the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium	573,669		573,669
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**Human Services Centers**

Adjusted funding for continued program changes	3,116,890	(2,911,912)	204,978
Adjusted funding for estimated cost and caseload changes	2,624,029		2,624,029
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan	(6,414,994)		(6,414,994)
Added funding for a civil sex offender treatment contract	917,004		917,004
Restored funding for supportive housing grants reduced as part of the 1915(i) realignment	3,109,385		3,109,385
Restored funding for rent expenses at the Northeast Human Service Center	168,736		168,736
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for heat pump and carpet replacement projects at the Southeast Human Service Center	724,000		724,000

**Institutions**

Adjusted funding for continued program changes	(4,250,920)	3,154,778	(1,096,142)	
Adjusted funding as requested in the department's savings plan excluding bed reductions at the State Hospital	(17.60)	(6,228,825)	(6,714,398)	(12,943,223)
Added funding for psychiatry transition costs at the Life Skills and Transition Center	183,040		183,040	
Added funding for adaptive equipment at the Life Skills and Transition Center		306,701	306,701	

**County Social Services Financing**

Adjusted funding for continued program changes	896,189	(372,192)	523,997
Added 3 FTE home- and community-based services staff	3.00	498,673	498,673
Added funding to provide salary increases to zone employees consistent with state employee salary increases		3,812,383	3,812,383
Added funding for zone operations		9,089,381	9,089,381

Total	<u>19.10</u>	<u>\$117,869,986</u>	<u>\$568,517,463</u>	<u>\$686,387,449</u>
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### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 2,249.33 FTE positions for the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the 2021-23 biennium, an increase of 19.10 positions from the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly approved the following FTE position adjustments:

Changes requested in agency savings plan	(9.60)
Refugee resettlement positions	4.00
Economic assistance specialty eligibility worker	1.00
Transition of duties from judicial branch to child support	3.50
Transition of 19- and 20-year olds in Medicaid Expansion to fee-for-service arrangement	0.50
Aging services position to assist in federal Department of Justice lawsuit settlement (position authorized for 2021-23 biennium only)	1.00
Transfer of early childhood education program from the Department of Public Instruction	3.00
Administration of new early childhood program	3.70
Regulation and oversight of early childhood program	8.00
Behavioral health grants and funding position	1.00
Human service zones home- and community-based services	3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.10</b>

### One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for DHS for the 2021-23 biennium:

	General Fund	Other funds	Total
MMIS upgrade	\$4,326,686	\$30,673,314	\$35,000,000
MMIS technology stack upgrade	600,000	1,800,000	2,400,000
Child welfare technology project	15,000,000	15,000,000	30,000,000
Data automation project	98,186	98,186	196,372
Quality measures services initiative	11,344	34,031	45,375
Senior nutrition services (federal coronavirus relief funds)		2,457,638	2,457,638
Community behavioral health program (federal coronavirus relief funds)		1,750,000	1,750,000
Nursing facility payment methodology change	3,348,000	3,852,000	7,200,000
Developmental disabilities stabilization grants	125,000		125,000
Southeast Human Service Center projects	724,000		724,000
COVID-19 federal funding authority (House Bill No. 1395)		241,689,840	241,689,840
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,233,216</b>	<b>\$297,355,009</b>	<b>\$321,588,225</b>

**2019-21 Biennium Federal COVID-19 Funding**

The Legislative Assembly appropriated a total of \$369,640,469 of federal COVID-19 funding for the 2019-21 biennium. Of this amount, \$60,554,974 was allocated from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund as follows:

	<b>Federal Funds - 2019-21 Biennium</b>
Childcare emergency operations grants	\$48,850,000
Emergency rent bridge program	2,900,000
Skilled nursing facilities air purification systems	2,561,020
Community-based behavioral health services	1,502,360
Senior nutrition services	1,131,800
Temporary staffing needs	792,452
Personal protective equipment	686,658
Portable ionizers	499,375
Great Plains Food Bank	303,920
Telehealth equipment	300,000
Human service zone expenses	236,600
Supplemental nutrition assistance program startup grants	117,707
Electronic health records system updates	211,930
Information technology programming	154,152
Child care surveys	45,000
Connect charts	100,000
Real time location system study	64,000
Qualified service provider grants	50,000
Human services client support	48,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,554,974</b>

The Legislative Assembly also appropriated other federal COVID-19 funding anticipated to be received during the 2019-21 biennium in House Bill No. 1394 as follows:

	<b>Federal Funds - 2019-21 Biennium</b>
Substance abuse prevention and treatment services	\$6,411,715
Emergency rental assistance program	200,000,000
Mental health block grant program to provide services to children and adults with serious mental illness	1,435,102
Child care and development block grant to allow low-income families to have access to child care	19,448,230
Safe and stable families program to ensure childrens' safety within their homes	90,342
Foster care program costs to assist foster care youth	1,224,837
Education and training vouchers for postsecondary costs of youth leaving foster care	166,136
Congregate and home-delivered meals for older adults to maintain their health	840,000
Ombudsman program to assist in preventing elder neglect and abuse	20,000
Vulnerable adult protective services to assist older adults affected by abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation	704,100
Supplemental nutrition assistance program increased monthly benefit distribution	7,200,000
Supplemental nutrition assistance program emergency assistance to increase program availability	16,992,580
Pandemic electronic benefits transfer to provide food assistance to children who would normally receive free or reduced school lunches	31,992,804
Water and wastewater bill assistance to assist in utility payment	3,700,000
Enhanced federal medical assistance percentage increase of 6.2 percent from April through June 2021	16,000,000
Mental health and substance use disorder funding to provide crisis intervention services and other mental health support	2,859,649
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$309,085,495</b>

### 2021-23 Biennium Federal COVID-19 Funding

The Legislative Assembly appropriated a total of \$245,897,478 of federal COVID-19 funding for the 2021-23 biennium. Of this amount, \$4,207,638 was allocated from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and appropriated in House Bill No. 1012 for senior nutrition services (\$2,457,638) and community behavioral health services (\$1,750,000). Other estimated federal COVID-19 funding to be received through the federal American Rescue Plan Act and other sources was appropriated in House Bill No. 1395 as follows:

	<b>Federal Funds - 2021-23 Biennium</b>
Continuation of child care development block grant payments and assistance to individuals and child care providers	\$29,243,107
Child care stabilization grants to child care providers and increased supports for providers and families	46,771,413
Additional child care entitlement funding for child care assistance program	1,317,327
Low-income home energy assistance program enhancements	34,517,336
Pandemic emergency assistance for nonrecurrent short-term needs of families	1,354,594
Community-based child abuse prevention efforts for respite care, after school activities, and family support	592,780
Child abuse state grants for outreach and training on child protection safety and response	284,363
Supportive services to assist older adults to maintain independence	2,300,000
Additional assistance for nutrition services for the elderly to provide increased reimbursement rates	3,750,000
Expansion of preventative services programs and training for older adults	150,000
Family caregiver assistance	500,000
Awareness and access improvements to the long-term care ombudsman	50,000
Additional mental health block grant funding for community mental health services	2,567,171
Additional substance abuse block grant funding for substance use prevention efforts and substance use disorder needs	5,537,390
Emergency rental assistance program to provide rental assistance to eligible individuals	50,000,000
Additional funding for the supplemental nutrition assistance program for system modifications and staffing	922,754
Additional federal Part C funding for early intervention and other efforts for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities	1,222,769
Additional aging services funding for expanding access to COVID-19 vaccines and other services	408,836
Supplemental nutrition assistance program increased benefit levels	3,600,000
Pandemic electronic benefits transfer funding to provide food assistance to children who normally received free or reduced lunches at school	6,600,000
Homeowner assistance program for financial assistance for homeowners	50,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,689,840</b>

### Other Sections in House Bill No. 1012

**Deficiency appropriation** - Section 3 appropriates \$333,333 from the DHS operating fund during the 2019-21 biennium for a grant to a political subdivision for a portion of the cost of purchasing a firetruck.

**State Department of Health appropriation** - Section 4 appropriates \$281,715 from the general fund and \$281,715 from other funds to the State Department of Health for a grant to the Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children.

**Legislative Management study** - Section 5 appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund to the Legislative Council for a Legislative Management study of statewide acute psychiatric and residential care needs.

**ADA consultant** - Section 6 appropriates \$25,000 from the Capitol building fund to the Office of Management and Budget for a consultant to assist in modifying the Capitol building to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Spending restriction** - Section 7 prohibits DHS from spending any general fund savings resulting from temporary enhancements to the state's federal medical assistance percentage.

**Line item transfers** - Section 8 allows DHS to transfer appropriation authority between line items within subdivisions 1 through 3 of Section 1. Section 9 allows DHS to transfer appropriation authority from line items within subdivisions 1 through 3 of Section 1 to subdivision 4 of Section 1.

**Aging services FTE position** - Section 10 identifies 1 FTE position in the aging services program is for the administration of services resulting from a federal Department of Justice lawsuit settlement and the position is authorized only for the 2021-23 biennium.

**Transfer of appropriation authority to the Department of Health and Human Services** - Section 11 provides for DHS appropriation authority to be transferred to the newly created Department of Health and Human Services on September 1, 2022.

**Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund** - Section 12 identifies funding from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund for senior nutrition services (\$2,457,638) and community behavioral health services (\$1,750,000).

**Human service finance fund** - Section 13 identifies \$187,223,092 of the appropriation for the county social and human service project is from the human service finance fund.

**Community health trust fund** - Section 14 identifies \$31.5 million of the appropriation for the Medical Services Division is from the community health trust fund.

**Health care trust fund** - Section 15 identifies \$1 million of the appropriation for long-term care is from the health care trust fund for nursing facility operating margin adjustments.

**Capital projects and payments** - Section 16 authorizes the payment of special assessments at the State Hospital and Life Skills and Transition Center. Section 17 authorizes the demolition of the chapel, administrative building, and employee building at the State Hospital. The section also allows DHS to transfer funds from other line items to pay for the demolition of the buildings and other emergency capital projects.

**Permanent supportive housing grants** - Section 18 identifies funding to be provided for permanent supportive housing grants and requires DHS to develop a funding methodology to distribute the funds.

**Emergency stabilization grants** - Section 19 identifies \$125,000 from the general fund to be used for emergency stabilization grants for newly licensed developmental disability providers.

**Refugee resettlement services** - Section 20 identifies funding to be used for refugee resettlement and provides for a Legislative Management report on the resettlement services.

**Medicaid Expansion appropriations** - Sections 21 and 22 provide DHS may not spend more for the Medicaid Expansion program than the amount appropriated in the bill with certain exceptions.

**Person-first language** - Section 23 provides new language to be included in statute must be drafted using person-first language.

**Substance use disorder grants and vouchers** - Sections 24, 25, and 26 create a new substance use disorder voucher facility grant program, establish a moratorium on new residential providers, and provide that no more than 45 percent of funding for service grants may be used for residential services.

**Behavioral health bed management system** - Section 27 provides for DHS to establish and maintain a behavioral health bed management system.

**Early childhood services fees** - Section 28 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 50-11.1-14 to authorize DHS to charge fees for early childhood training and development courses.

**Early childhood council** - Section 29 adds a special education director to the membership of the early childhood council.

**Disenrolling of individuals in certain programs** - Sections 30 and 31 prohibit the disenrollment of individuals in certain programs during a federally declared emergency.

**Medicaid Expansion program** - Sections 32 and 33 amend Section 50-24.1-37 to remove the sunset clause on the Medicaid Expansion program and provide effective January 1, 2022, 19- and 20-year old recipients are transitioned to a fee-for-service arrangement and provider reimbursement rates are not confidential.

**Interpreter services** - Section 34 authorizes interpreter services to be covered under the Medicaid program.

**Personal care** - Section 35 repeals Section 50-24.1-18.1 relating to personal care services for eligible medical assistance recipients.

**Conveyance of land** - Section 36 authorizes DHS to convey land at the Life Skills and Transition Center to the Grafton Parks and Recreation Department. Section 37 authorizes DHS to convey land at the Life Skills and Transition Center to the Grafton Fire Department.

**Lease of land** - Section 38 authorizes DHS and the Adjutant General to enter an agreement to lease up to 20 acres of property at the State Hospital for a National Guard training and storage facility.

**Provider outcomes** - Section 39 requires providers that receive funding from DHS to submit process and outcome measures.

**Residential treatment providers** - Section 40 requires DHS to adopt rules establishing a ratesetting process and other requirements for foster care maintenance rates for qualified residential treatment providers.

**Community behavioral health program** - Section 41 authorizes DHS to use line item transfers to provide funding for the community behavioral health program.

**Carryover authority** - Sections 42 through 52 provide exemptions to authorize DHS to continue unexpended appropriations into the 2021-23 biennium for certain programs.

**Utilization rates** - Section 53 provides legislative intent that DHS seek a deficiency appropriation from the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly if provider funding is not sufficient to pay actual expenses.

**Developmental disability payment system** - Section 54 requires DHS to identify \$6.95 million of reductions for developmental disability provider payments for the 2021-23 biennium.

**Transition of individuals from Life Skills and Transition Center** - Section 55 provides legislative intent that DHS seek an appropriation from the federal state fiscal recovery fund for the transition of individuals from the Life Skills and Transition Center to private providers.

**Supported employment funding** - Section 56 provides intent that funding from the general fund appropriated for supported employment be used to continue contracts with existing providers.

**Consulting services** - Section 57 provides legislative intent that DHS and the State Department of Health utilize consulting services when merging to form the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Provider inflation increases** - Section 58 provides legislative intent that future special sessions of the 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly consider providing additional inflationary increases for providers during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 2021-23 biennium.

**Early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment program** - Section 59 provides for DHS to study the early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment program.

**Basic care facility rates** - Section 60 requires DHS, in consultation with representatives of the basic care industry, to develop a new payment methodology for basic care payment rates.

**Four-year old program report** - Section 61 provides for DHS to report to the Legislative Management regarding the status of the implementation of the new 4-year old program.

**Substance use disorder voucher program report** - Section 62 provides for DHS to report to the Budget Section regarding the status of the substance use disorder voucher program.

**Transfer of employees** - Section 63 authorizes DHS to utilize child care licensing employees for other duties.

#### **Related Legislation**

**House Bill No. 1065 - Nursing home bed moratorium** - Amends Section 23-16-01.1 to adjust provisions relating to the nursing home bed moratorium.

**House Bill No. 1066 - Accreditation of human service centers** - Amends Section 50-06-05.2 to require DHS to request appropriations to ensure maintenance of the accreditation of human service centers and allows accreditation to be used as a basis for licensing in lieu of adopted rules for the operation of the centers.

**House Bill No. 1076 - Children's Cabinet membership** - Amends Section 50-06-43.1 to allow the Chairman of the Legislative Management to appoint a member of the Legislative Assembly as the presiding officer of the Children's Cabinet.

**House Bill No. 1090 - Nursing home payment methodology** - Amends various sections to adjust the payment methodology of nursing homes.

**House Bill No. 1247 - Department of Health and Human Services** - Merges the State Department of Health into DHS to create a new Department of Health and Human Services effective September 1, 2022.

**House Bill No. 1332 - Nursing home bed moratorium** - Amends Section 23-16-01.1 to extend the moratoria on basic care and nursing facility bed capacity.

**House Bill No. 1394 - Federal COVID-19 relief funding** - Appropriates federal COVID-19 relief funding anticipated to be received by state agencies.

**House Bill No. 1395 - Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund** - Reallocates federal coronavirus relief funds previously authorized by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section and appropriates federal COVID-19 funding estimated to be received through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

**House Bill No. 1402 - Substance use disorder voucher program** - Authorizes an out-of-state substance use disorder treatment program located in a bordering state to participate in the voucher program to provide services to underserved areas of the state.

**House Bill No. 1407 - Tribal health care coordination fund** - Increases from 60 to 80 percent, the amount of eligible funding to be deposited in the tribal health care coordination fund.

**House Bill No. 1416 - Early childhood duties** - Transfers early childhood education duties from the Department of Public Instruction to DHS.

**House Bill No. 1466 - Early childhood education grant program** - Establishes a new grant program within DHS to provide grants for early childhood education programs.

**Senate Bill No. 2083 - Child abuse** - Amends various sections relating to reporting and duties relating to child abuse.

**Senate Bill No. 2085 - Medical services program adjustments** - Amends various sections relating to the medical assistance program, including eligibility of Medicaid waivers for in-home services, services provided by advanced practice nurses, and payment methods for medical assistance providers.

**Senate Bill No. 2086 - County social and human service project** - Amends various sections relating to the county social and human service project, including the duties of counties and human service zones, payments to human service zones, and the process to inform county commissioners regarding options to transition zone employees to state employment, and transfers 16 FTE foster care licensing positions from zone employment to state employment.

**Senate Bill No. 2087 - Medical assistance prior authorization** - Amends Section 50-24.6-04 relating to prior authorization of medications for the medical assistance program.

**Senate Bill No. 2088 - Adoption assistance** - Amends Sections 50-28-02 and 50-09-02.2 relating to adoption assistance for children with special needs and payments to adoptive parents.

**Senate Bill No. 2089 - Housing stabilization assistance and autism spectrum disorder voucher program** - Amends Section 50-06-05.1 relating to housing stabilization assistance.

**Senate Bill No. 2135 - Report on department quality** - Requires DHS to provide a report to the Legislative Management before July 1, 2022, regarding the department's quality strategy.

**Senate Bill No. 2161 - Mental health program registry** - Requires DHS to establish and maintain a registry of mental health programs in the state.

**Senate Bill No. 2199 - Interstate contracts for treatment** - Amends Section 25-03.1-34.2 relating to DHS entering contracts with neighboring states for the treatment of mental illness or substance use disorders.

**Senate Bill No. 2256 - Study of developmental disability services** - Provides for a Legislative Management study of developmental disability services in the state.