

## FY2005 Budget – Selected Health Issues before Conference Committee

Issue	Section/Line Item	House	Senate	Comments
Immigrant Health Coverage	Outside Section	Not included	Continued coverage for 3,000 elderly and disabled legal immigrants	Coverage will begin for group June 1 and go through September unless continued. Governor vetoed early coverage restoration for this group.
CMSP Funding	4000-0990	\$13,901,895	\$21,374,000	CMSP waitlist now up to 14,200 children, growing by 45 kids each day. Senate funding is sufficient to eliminate waitlist. House 1 proposed \$11.8 million
Healthy Start Funding	4000-0895	\$10,610,447	\$14,213,532	\$14.2 million is adequate funding to enroll all eligible women in this prenatal care program. House 1 proposed \$6.2 million.
MassHealth Essential	Outside Section	\$110,000,000	\$160,000,000	\$160M should adequately fund approximately 36,000 in this program for very low-income, long-term unemployed people.
HIFA waiver expansion for kids 200-400% fpl	Outside Section	EOHHS directed to seek federal reimbursement for CMSP above 200%	Not included	HCFA has clean-ed up House language and has alternative EOHHS task force proposal.
MassHealth HIV eligibility	Outside Section	Not included; coverage remains at 133% fpl	Restored MassHealth HIV to 200% fpl.	Restoration would reduce pressure on HIV Drug Assistance Program.
Association Health Plans	Outside section	no provision	provision allowing associations to procure coverage provided small group rates are charged	
Masshealth Dental TPA	Outside Section	Included	Included	Wording differences. Sections would both direct state to seek third-party administrator for dental program.
Prescription Drugs - pricing	Outside Section	Not included	Included	Fair Pricing Bill – non-profit PBM, disclosure of costs, et.al.

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Prescription Drugs – consumer Canadian info	Outside Section	Not included	Included	EOHHS shall set up an office of pharmaceutical information and web site that will provide info to Mass. residents regarding the purchase of Rx from Canadian sources
Prescription Drugs – state Canadian source	Outside Section	Not included	Included	Requires the Commonwealth to purchase Rx for all state health programs as soon as it is federally legal to do so.

### Not in Conference:

- MassHealth hearings requirement (minor wording differences)
- Repeal of MassHealth enrollment caps
- Directing EOHHS to compile list of employers with more than 50 MassHealth or Pool users

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