

## FY2005 Budget – Governor’s Actions on Selected Health Provisions

Issue	Section/Line Item	House	Senate	Issue Description	Conference Report	Governor’s Vetoes
Immigrant Health Coverage	Outside section, 4000-0870	Not included	Included	Continued coverage for 3,000 elderly and disabled legal immigrants through FY05.	\$5 million to continue coverage for 3,000 elderly and disabled.	<b>VETOED</b>
Children’s Medical Security Plan Funding	4000-0990	\$13,901,895	\$21,374,000	\$21,374,000 is required to enroll all eligible children in this basic health coverage program, including 15,000 on waiting list.	\$21.4 million; this will eliminate the current waiting list of 15,000 kids.	ACCEPTED
Healthy Start Funding	4000-0895	\$10,610,447	\$14,213,532	\$14,213,532 is adequate funding to enroll all eligible women in this prenatal care program.	\$14.2 million	ACCEPTED
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.	\$160 million (\$265)	ACCEPTED
Prescription Advantage	9110-1455	\$110,000,000	\$110,000,000	Full funding to allow program to serve all seniors and disabled needing drug program	\$110 million	ACCEPTED
Prescription Advantage – copayment assistance	9110-1460	Not included	\$9,000,000	Funding to reduce copayments for low-income participants in Prescription Advantage program	\$5 million	<b>VETOED – Overridden: House 154-0; Senate 37-0</b>
Federal funding for CMSP kids 200-400% of poverty (fpl)	Outside section	Included	Not included	Language allowing review of federal funding options for CMSP	House language directs EOHHS to seek federal funding for increased CMSP benefits. (\$266)	ACCEPTED
Restore MassHealth HIV eligibility to 200% fpl	4000-1400	Not included	Included	Restore MassHealth HIV to 200% fpl and fund program adequately	Restores coverage up to 200% fpl and provides funds	ACCEPTED
Masshealth Dental Third Party Admin.	Outside section	Included	Included	Language directing EOHHS to seek outside administrator for dental program	Senate version (\$309)	ACCEPTED

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Personal Care Attendant Services	Outside section	Not included	Partially Included	Language preserving access to PCA services	House language, that requires study before changing regs. (§313)	<b>VETOED</b>
Prescription Drugs – Fair Pricing	Outside section	Not included	Included	Fair Pricing Bill – non-profit PBM, disclosure of costs, et.al.	Held in Conference	NOT APPLICABLE
Prescription Drugs – Canadian source info	Outside section	Not included	Included	EOHHS to set up an office of pharmaceutical information that will provide info to Mass. residents regarding purchasing drugs from Canadian sources	compromise language that excludes Canadian sources (§317)	<b>VETOED</b>
Prescription Drugs – Canadian discounts for state	Outside section	Not included	Included	Requires the Commonwealth to use Canadian drug sources for all state health programs as soon as it is federally legal to do so.	held in conference	NOT APPLICABLE
Employer Disclosure	Outside section	Included	Included	Directs EOHHS to produce a list of employers who have 50 or more employees utilizing public insurance programs or free care.	Included (§304)	<b>VETOED – Overridden: House 134-22; Senate 33-5</b>
Repeal MassHealth Enrollment Caps	Outside section	Included	Included	Repeals authorization to cap enrollment for adults in CommonHealth, HIV, and Family Assistance program.	Included (§241)	<b>VETOED</b>
Public Hearings Requirement	Outside section	Included	Included	Directs EOHHS to hold a public hearing before eliminating coverage or benefits from the MassHealth program.	Included (§161)	<b>VETOED</b>
Premiums in Kids Health Programs	Outside section	Not included	Not included	Repeal increased premiums for children imposed in MassHealth and CMPS	Not included	NOT APPLICABLE

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