

2021-2023 Behavioral Health Investments

Summary

The 2021-2023 legislative session ended with a total of 74 investments related to the behavioral health.

| Investment | FY 2021-2023 | FY 2023-2025 | Description |
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| Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) | \$1,374,000 | \$718,000 | Funding will expand services to pregnant and parenting women in the PCAP program. |
| Peer support/recruitment | \$1,762,000 | \$0 | Funding will maintain and increase resources for peer support programs. Funding will also be used to recruit peer specialists. |
| Medication for Opioid Use Disorder tracking | \$260,000 | \$0 | Funding will enhance the capabilities of a tool to track medication for Opioid Use Disorders. |
| Substance Use Disorder (SUD) family navigators | \$1,000,000 | \$0 | Funding will provide substance use disorder family navigators to individuals with Substance use Disorder. |
| Recovery Cafes | \$250,000 | \$0 | Funding will expand recovery cafes throughout the State. |
| Civil commitment transition | \$330,000 | \$131,000 | SB 5071 . Funding to help individuals transition from civil commitment into a community setting. |
| Safe station pilot programs | \$1,150,000 | \$0 | SB 5074 . The funding will be used to implement a state safe storage plan. |
| Opioid overdose medication | \$238,000 | \$238,000 | Second Substitute SB 5195 . The funding will support overdose prevention medications such as naloxone. |
| 1115 Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) waiver costs | \$2,074,000 | \$99,000 | Funding will increase Health Information Technology (HIT) costs necessary for the implementation of the 1115 IMD waiver. |
| The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) | \$0 | \$0 | ARPA of 2021 increases FMAP for HCBS by 10 percentage points from April 1, 2021 to March, 30, 2022. |
| Audio-only telemedicine | \$100,000 | \$0 | Engrossed Substitute HB 1196 . HCA will collaborate with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) to make recommendations regarding telemedicine. |
| Investment totals | \$8,538,000 | \$1,186,000 | |

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| Behavioral Health Administrative Services (BHASO) funding | \$6,780,000 | \$7,074,000 | Funding will increase rates for providers serving BHASO clients by 2 percent effective July 1, 2021 and support other operating costs including local court costs for involuntary treatment hearings. |
| Behavioral health consumer advocacy | (\$610,000) | (\$1,273,000) | Funding is reduced for ombuds services provided by Behavioral Health Administrative Services organizations. This change is due to Engrossed Second Substitute Bill 1086 . The funding for non-Medicaid consumer advocacy services has moved to the department of Commerce. Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are expected to continue to directly pay for the services required by their enrollees. |
| Expand Mental Health (MH) services and supports | \$20,600,000 | \$0 | Funding from the federal Mental Health Block Grant will help to expand mental health services. |
| Expand Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services and supports | \$42,018,000 | \$1,171,000 | Funding will expand SUD services and supports including outreach, treatment, and recovery support services. |
| Behavioral Health comparison rates | \$400,000 | \$0 | Funding will support actuarial work required for the authority to develop behavioral health comparison rates. |
| Behavioral Health Institute | \$1,800,000 | \$0 | Funding will support the University of Washington Behavioral Health Institute to continue and enhance its efforts related to behavioral health training and workforce development. |
| Behavioral health personal care | \$12,268,000 | \$12,799,000 | The state match for Medicaid personal care services for individuals who require services because of a behavioral health need is paid for by the managed care organizations and the federal portion is paid by the Department of Social and health Services. Funding is provided to reflect increases in caseload. |
| Investment totals | \$83,256,000 | \$19,771,000 | |

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| Behavioral health provider relief | \$31,000 | \$0 | One-time funding will allow the Authority to aid payments to behavioral health providers who have experienced revenue loss or increased expenses because of the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| Managed Care Organization (MCO) behavioral health rate increase | \$55,041,000 | \$18,402,000 | Funding will continue in the 2021-23 fiscal biennium a two percent increase to Medicaid reimbursement for community behavioral health providers contracted through managed care organizations. |
| Rural behavioral health pilot | \$750,000 | \$0 | Funding for one-time grant to Island County to fund a pilot program to improve behavioral health outcomes for young people in rural communities. |
| Behavioral Health (BH) respite waiver | \$150,000 | \$0 | Funding will support the department to seek a Medicaid waiver for behavioral health respite care. |
| Behavioral health workforce | \$1,000,000 | \$0 | Funding will allow three behavioral health workforce pilot sites and a flexible training grant program pursuant to Engrossed Second Substitute HB 1504 . |
| Align funding to expenditures | (\$36,000) | \$0 | Substitute SB 5181 , enacted in the 2019 legislative session, imposed restrictions on firearms possession by individuals receiving involuntary behavioral health treatment, which created work for the Health Care Authority's firearms compliance unit. The actual workload has been less than anticipated in the enacted budget. |
| Extend Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) Initiative 3 | (\$25,499,000) | \$0 | The MTP is a five-year agreement between the state and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Funding is provided to extend the MTP Initiative 3 (Foundational Community Supports) for an additional year. This extension year will provide additional services for supportive housing and supported employment with community partners during the pandemic. |
| Investment totals | \$31,437,000 | \$18,402,000 | |

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| Trueblood phase 2 implementations | \$19,774,000 | \$22,648,000 | An approved settlement agreement in the Trueblood, et. al. v. DSHS lawsuit. The first phase, funded in the 2019-21 budget, included Pierce and Spokane counties and the southwest region. The second phase will include King County. Funding is provided for competency evaluations, competency restoration, forensic Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS), forensic Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), crisis diversion and supports, education, training, and workforce development. |
| Child assessment & diagnosis | \$1,257,000 | \$1,089,000 | Second Substitute HB 1325 will change assessments and diagnosis of children aged birth to 5 years old including provision of up to 5 sessions for intake and assessment in their own home. |
| Behavioral Health (BH) employment barriers task force | \$100,000 | \$0 | One time will allow the Authority to convene a task force to identify ways to reduce barriers to behavioral health employment related to background checks. |
| Co-responder grants | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | Grant funding will include a mental health practitioner on first responder teams responding to a behavioral health crisis. |
| Behavioral Health (BH) teaching clinics enhancement | \$150,000 | \$0 | Funding will allow the Health Care Authority to convene a work group to develop a recommended teaching clinic enhancement rate for behavioral health training and supervision of students and others seeking their certification or license. |
| COVID Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages (FMAP) increase | \$0 | \$0 | The Families First Coronavirus Response Act enhances the federal financial participation in the Medicaid program by 6.2 percentage points. The enhancement is assumed to end December 31, 2021 |
| Tribal residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) rates | \$15,733,000 | \$0 | Apple Health will reimburse all SUD resident treatment facilities (RTFs) at rates that do not cover the cost of the treatment and support provided by tribal RTFs to Indian Health Service-eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Medicaid clients. Higher, cost-based rates can be negotiated with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). |
| Investment totals | \$39,014,000 | \$23,737,000 | |

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| Children's Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP) | \$456,000 | \$238,000 | Funding will provide a two percent rate increase for Children's Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP) providers effective July 1, 2021. |
| Crisis stabilization pilot | \$400,000 | \$0 | One time funding will provide and established Whatcom county crisis stabilization center as a pilot project for diversion from the criminal justice system. |
| Developmental Disability Training | \$600,000 | \$0 | Funding will continue the University of Washington's Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) funding for: Telecommunication and training. |
| Trueblood Full Time Employees (FTEs) | \$1,123,000 | \$1,116,000 | Funding will support the data reporting, contracts, and fiscal work required for the implementation of the Trueblood, et. al. v. DSHS settlement agreement. |
| Community long-term inpatient beds | \$51,982,000 | \$47,094,000 | The legislature will provide funding for community long-term inpatient bed capacity in the 2017-19 biennium. Additional investments during the 2021-23 biennium will increase the funded capacity to 221 by the end of FY 22 and 273 by the end of FY 23. |
| Children's Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP) Habitual Mental Health (HMH) facility | \$6,316,000 | \$6,318,000 | Funding will allow the authority to contract for a twelve bed children's long-term inpatient program (CLIP) facility specializing in the provision of rehabilitative mental health services for children and youth. The authority must provide a report to the legislature on utilization of the facility in June of 2023. |
| High potency cannabis policy review | \$500,000 | \$0 | Funding will allow the Authority to contract with the University of Washington Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute to implement a process to develop policy solutions in response to the public health challenges of high Tetrahydrocannabinol potency cannabis. |
| Short-term Behavioral Health (BH) housing support | \$6,218,000 | \$6,487,000 | Funding will provide short-term rental subsidies and recovery housing for individuals with mental health or substance use disorders. |
| Investment totals | \$67,595,000 | \$61,253,000 | |

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| Telehealth standards | \$410,000 | \$0 | Funding will allow the Authority to contract with the Washington State Behavioral Health Institute and make recommendations related to standards of care and best practices for virtual behavioral health services to children from prenatal stages through age 25. |
| Adult and youth mobile crisis teams | \$38,579,000 | \$26,028,000 | Funding will increase local behavioral health mobile crisis response team capacity and ensuring each region has at least one adult and one children and youth mobile crisis team that is able to respond to calls coming into the 988-crisis hotline. |
| Involuntary commitment | \$800,000 | \$835 | Funding will be used to implement Substitute SB 5073 related to involuntary commitment. |
| Intensive outpatient/partial hospitalization | \$1,800,000 | \$0 | Funding will expand Intensive Outpatient/Partial Hospitalization pilot program originally funded in the 2020 supplemental budget. |
| Jail Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) treatment | \$5,000,000 | \$0 | Funding will allow the authority to expand efforts to provide opioid use disorder medication in city, county, regional, and tribal jails. |
| Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD) | \$5,000,000 | \$0 | Funding is provided to continue grants to LEAD programs outside of King county. |
| Managed Care Organization (MCO) wraparound services | \$840,000 | \$876,000 | Funding will allow MCOs to increase provider rates by 2 percent for non-Medicaid wraparound services effective July 2021. |
| Mobile integrated health pilot | \$750,000 | \$0 | Funding will provide a mobile integrated health pilot project to provide intervention services and care coordination. |
| Mental health education and support | \$500,000 | \$522,000 | Funding will allow the Authority to contract with a statewide mental health non-profit organization that provides free community and school-based mental health education and support programs for consumers and families. |
| Parent Child Assistance Providers (PCAP) rate increase | \$402,000 | \$244,000 | Funding is provided for a 2 percent rate increase for Parent Child Assistance Providers (PCAP) providers effective July 1, 2021. |
| Investment total | \$54,081,000 | \$27,670,835 | |

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| Peer crisis response training | \$250,000 | \$0 | Funding will allow the authority to contract for the development of a specialized 40-hour crisis response training curriculum for behavioral health peer specialists and to conduct a minimum of one statewide training session during fiscal year 2022 and one statewide training session during fiscal year 2023. |
| Peer emotional support network | \$500,000 | \$0 | Funding will allow the authority to establish an emotional support network program for individuals employed as peer specialists. |
| Problem gambling prevalence study | \$500,000 | \$0 | Funding for a one-time study of problem gambling prevalence in adults is shifted from FY 2020 to FY 2021. The Authority shall submit the study to the Legislature by June 30, 2022. |
| Trueblood crisis triage | \$0 | \$2,286,000 | The Outlook for the 2023-25 biennium is adjusted to reflect the costs of opening two new crisis stabilization facilities in King county pursuant to phase two of the Trueblood, et. al. v. DSHS settlement agreement. |
| The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP) | \$0 | \$0 | As a result of the ARPA, the federal government is increasing the state's FMAP for Medicaid UIHP services to 100 percent for eight quarters. This increase is in effect from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. |
| Outlook: University of Washington (UW) 90/180 beds | \$0 | \$1,853,000 | The Outlook for the 2023-25 biennium is adjusted to reflect the costs of opening 50 new civil long-term inpatient beds at a new UW teaching hospital funded in the capital budget. |
| Outlook: University of Washington (UW) short-term beds | \$0 | \$1,749,000 | The Outlook for the 2023-25 biennium is adjusted to reflect the costs of opening 50 new civil short-term inpatient beds at a new UW teaching hospital funded in the capital budget. |
| Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) rates | \$4,647,000 | \$14,375,000 | Funding is provided for the authority to contract with two providers to operate two 16-bed units for long-term involuntary treatment. |
| Investment total | \$47,226,000 | \$34,177,533 | |

Engrossed SB 5476 State Vs. Blake

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| Substance Use Disorder (SUD) family navigators | \$500,000 | \$0 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and SUD treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for grants for SUD family navigators. |
| Outreach/intensive case management | \$45,000,000 | \$31,299,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for the Authority to contract with Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations to implement statewide Recovery Navigator programs which provide community-based outreach and case management services based on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) model. This includes funding for technical assistance support from the LEAD national support bureau. |
| Short-term Substance Use Disorder (SUD) housing vouchers | \$1,000,000 | \$1,043,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for short-term housing voucher for individuals with substance use disorders. |
| Substance Use Disorder (SUD) regional administration | \$2,800,000 | \$3,046,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and SUD treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization positions to develop regional recovery navigator program plans and to establish positions focusing on regional planning to improve access to and quality of regional behavioral health services with a focus on integrated care. |
| Substance Use Disorder (SUD) recovery oversight committee | \$400,000 | \$417,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and SUD treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for staffing of the substance use recovery oversight committee and related contract services expenses. |
| Investment totals | \$29,700,000 | \$35,805,000 | |

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| Recovery residences | \$150,000 | \$156,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for HCA to contract with an organization with expertise in supporting efforts to increase access and improve quality for recovery housing and recovery residences. This funding shall be used to increase recovery housing availability through partnership with private landlords, increase accreditation of recovery residences statewide, operate a grievance process for resolving challenges with recovery residences, and conduct a recovery capital outcomes assessment for individuals living in recovery residences. |
| Substance Use Disorder (SUD) expansion administration support | \$5,130,000 | \$5,285,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for additional FTEs and related contracted services for the Authority to develop and implement the recovery services plan and other requirements of SB 5476. This includes funding for 1.0 FTE Occupational Nurse Consultant to provide contract, oversight, and accountability to improve performance and ensure provisions in law and contract are met among the Medicaid managed care plans for care transitions work with local jails. Funding is also provided for one FTE at HCA to create and oversee a program to stand up emergency department programs to induce medications for patients with opioid use disorder paired with a referral to community-based outreach and case management programs. |
| Clubhouse expansion | \$8,677,000 | \$4,979,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for implementation of Clubhouse services in every region of the state. |
| Investment total | \$13,957,000 | \$10,420,000 | |

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| Homeless outreach | \$12,500,000 | \$15,650,000 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation for implementation of Homeless Outreach Stabilization Teams consisting of mental health, substance use disorder, and medical professionals. The teams shall provide and facilitate access for homeless individuals with behavioral health disorders to necessities, nursing and prescribing services, case management, and stabilization services. |
| Jail Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) treatment | \$5,000,000 | \$5,217,00 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation to expand efforts to provide opioid use disorder medication in cities, counties, and regions. |
| Opioid treatment network | \$1,000,000 | \$0 | Amends provisions relating to criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment in response to the State v. Blake decision. The bill includes an appropriation to expand opioid treatment network programs for people with co-occurring opioid and stimulant use disorder. |
| Investment total | \$18,500,000 | \$15,650,000 | |