



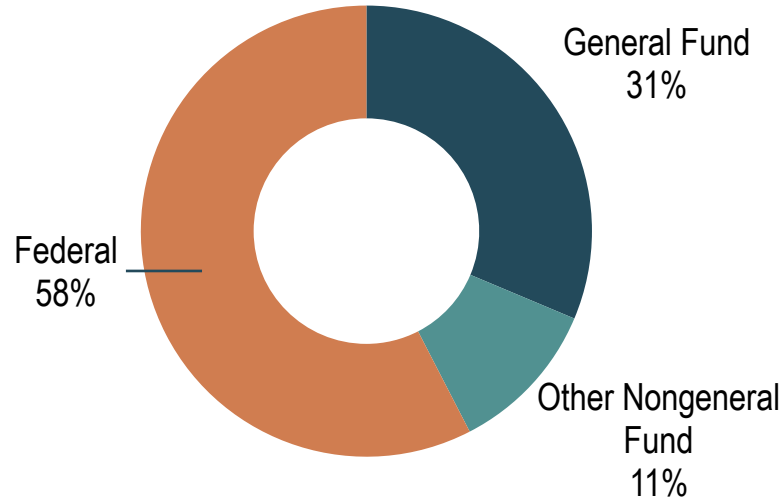
Overview of 2025 Session Budget Actions for Behavioral Health

Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly

June 3, 2025

Health and Human Resources 2024-26 Biennial Budget

Fund Sources in HHR \$66.7 Billion Biennial Budget

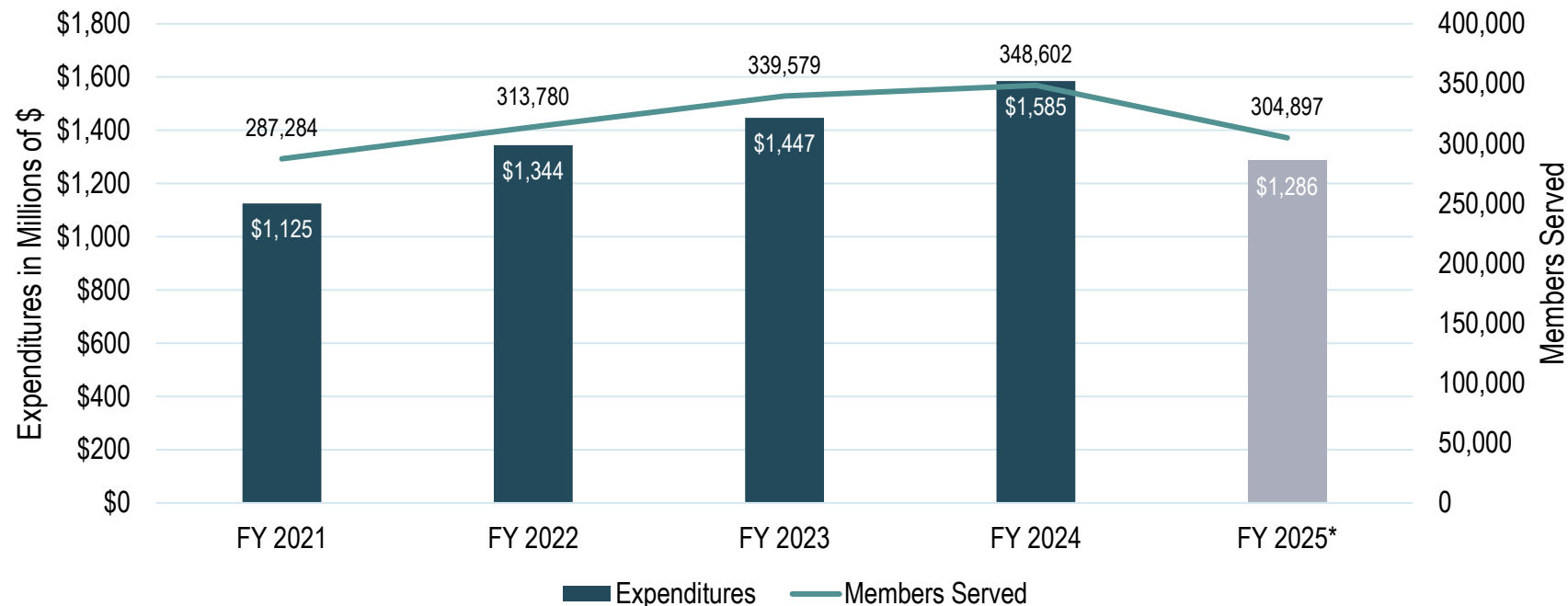


- Health and Human Resources is 31% of the overall General Fund operating budget.

Source: Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly.

Medicaid is a Significant Payor for Behavioral Health Services

Medicaid Expenditures on Behavioral Health (All Funds)



Source: DMAS Behavioral Health Service Utilization and Expenditures Dashboard as of May 4, 2025.

* FY 2025 year-to-date as of May 4, 2025.

Overview of Health and Human Resources in Ch. 725

- Chapter 725 reflects 2025 Session actions that result in a net increase in HHR of \$869.2 million GF over the biennium.
- Major GF discretionary spending amendments include:
 - \$25.0 million GF for drinking water infrastructure grants;
 - \$10.0 million GF for an increase in rates for nursing homes;
 - \$8.7 million GF for care coordination at community services boards;
 - \$8.0 million GF to enhance child protective services;
 - \$6.9 million GF for expanded coverage of weight loss drugs under Medicaid; and
 - \$6.0 million GF to fund the expansion of co-response programs.

Behavioral Health Budget Actions: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

GF \$ in millions	Ch. 725
Crisis Co-Response Programs (Funds 10 Additional Teams Increasing Total to 27)	\$6.0
Special Conservators of the Peace at Private Hospitals (\$14.5 million is Redirected for to this Purpose)	4.1
Pharmaceutical Costs at State Facilities	3.3
Adult Psychiatric Access Line (Medical Society of Virginia Operates)	2.3
Salary Alignments for Trades Positions at State Facilities (Electricians, Plumbers, Construction, etc.)	2.4
Part C Early Intervention Services (5.0% Increase)	1.5
Outpatient Competency Restoration (Funds 800 Restorations a Year)	1.5
Alternate Placements for Dementia Patients (VETOED)	1.0
Increase Licensed Therapists (Virginia Health Care Fund Program)	1.1
Additional Forensic Evaluators (Addes four additional forensic evaluators at Central State Hospital, Western State Hospital, and Eastern State Hospital)	0.8
Youth Peer Support Specialists (Supports 10 Specialists and Training Costs)	0.8
Recovery Residences Oversight Pursuant to SB 838 (One Position for the Workgroup)	0.1
Regional Older Adults Facility Team (RAFT) Dementia Services in Northern Virginia	0.1

Behavioral Health Actions in Other Agencies

GF \$ in millions	Ch. 725
Local Law Enforcement Civil Commitment Transportation (Dept. of Criminal Justice Services)	2.0
Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Facility for 20 Beds (DMAS)	1.6
Increase Medicaid Rates for Substance Use Disorder Services by 6.5% (DMAS)	1.1
Implementation Costs of 1115 Seriously Mentally Ill Waiver (DMAS)	1.1
Perinatal and Postpartum Depression Education Pursuant to HB 2446 (VDH)	0.6
Community Grants for Maternal Mental Health Care Programs (VDH)	0.5
Medicaid Coverage for Long-Acting Injectables for Mental Illness and Substance Use (DMAS)	0.3
Involuntary Mental Commitments Medical Costs (DMAS)	(1.6)
Total Behavioral Health GF Budget Actions	30.6

Behavioral Health Language Actions

- **Expand Community Housing Options** - Allows use of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund for community-based housing for any population currently served by DBHDS.
- **Local Maintenance of Efforts Requirements** - Requires local governments to maintain local contributions to the community services board year-to-year. In addition, to waive the statutory 10.0 percent match requirement, a locality must demonstrate hardship in terms of reduced employment, per capita income, or property values.
- **Problem Gambling Treatment** - Provides \$500,000 NGF the second year from the Problem Gambling and Support Fund to provide support and services for problem gambling recovery and treatment. Adds a reporting requirement for the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund and a review of best practices in addressing problem gambling.
- **School-Based Mental Health Services** - Modifies budget language that allocated \$15.0 million GF each year for school-based mental health services to be used for mobile clinics and to allow school divisions to contract for mental telehealth services in addition to the current language directing the Department to contract with Federally Qualified Health Centers to establish school-based clinics to provide mental health and primary health care.
- **Align Substance Use Disorder Services with National Criteria** - Directs DBHDS to align and monitor recovery support services, including services offered by recovery residences, and other similar providers with the nationally recognized American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 4th Edition criteria to ensure quality and consistency in care by June 30, 2026.

Questions?

