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Summary

General Fund revenue exceeded budgeted levels for the month of December and continues to be over budget for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was the primary driver along with sales and use taxes. Withholding receipts and estimated payments were over budget for the month. Taxable sales for November were 5.6% over November 2014 sales.

Highway Fund revenue also exceeded budgeted levels for the month of December and continues to be over budget for the fiscal year through December. Fuel tax revenue and motor vehicle registration and fees were the primary contributors.

December cash balances, while down from November, remain strong. December's total cash balance was well above both last year's balance for December and the ten-year average for December. For the fourth month this fiscal year there was no General Fund internal borrowing from other funds in December. The average Highway Fund balance decreased from the November average, with the drop-off reflecting the early December annual payment for the Local Road Assistance program.

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met on January 29, 2016 to review and update their economic forecast through 2019. The Commission made only minor adjustments to the economic forecast. The recommendations of the CEFC in their February 2016 report will be reviewed by the Revenue Forecasting Committee at its meeting in late February and incorporated into the March 2016 revenue forecast.

Total state operating funds expenditures for the first half of FY 2016 increased by $148.3 million (4.2%) when compared to the first half of FY 2015. The increase was across all operating funds. General Fund expenditures increased by $31.3 million (1.9%) in the first half of FY 2016 compared to the first half of FY 2015, while Highway Fund spending increased by $31.0 million (22.4%) during this period.

The price of home heating oil is at the lowest levels seen in more than a decade. The average price of #2 home heating oil in Maine for the month of January was $1.77 per gallon, down $0.85 per gallon (32.4%) from January 2015, and approximately $0.99 per gallon (33.7%) lower for the first four months of the 2015-2016 winter heating season than the same time period last year.

Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) investments were up 2.3% for the quarter ending December 31, 2015 and 0.1% over the past year. Total plan assets, however, decreased approximately $0.3 billion over the past 12 month period, from $12.5 billion as of December 31, 2014 to $12.2 billion as of December 31, 2015.

Summary (Continued)

Total MaineCare weekly cycle spending (state and federal dollars) for FY 2016 increased in recent months compared to spending for a comparable period last fiscal year but is consistent with the annual average for FY 2015. General Fund MaineCare spending through six months is also up over FY 2015 levels but appears to remain within FY 2016 budget levels. MaineCare caseload has stabilized in recent months with a slightly downward trend.

General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2016 ($'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	$258.2	$284.8	$26.7	10.3%	$265.8	7.2%
FYTD	$1,638.5	$1,673.3	$34.8	2.1%	$1,473.7	13.5%

General Fund revenue was over budget by $26.7 million (10.3%) for the month of December and over budget by $34.8 million (2.1%) for the fiscal year through December. These variances are now calculated against the December 2015 revenue forecast, which reduced budgeted revenue by $2.2 million in FY 2016.

Individual income tax revenue was $14.2 million over budget for the month of December and $14.2 million over budget for the fiscal year through December. Estimated payments were over budget by $3.7 million while withholding was over budget by $9.7 million. The final estimated payment was due on January 15th, however, many taxpayers file their final state estimated payment in December to increase their federal itemized deductions. The estimated payment line will be looked at closely when January revenues are posted. Historically, strong December and January estimated payments have been an indicator that April receipts may be higher than forecasted. The month of December had five Thursdays which is likely a significant cause of the overage on the withholding line.

Sales and use tax revenue was over budget by $1.8 million for the month and over budget by $5.0 million for the fiscal year to date. Car and building supply sales were both 11% higher than last fiscal year.

Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by $0.6 million for the month of December and by $0.6 million for the fiscal year through December.

Transfers for tax relief programs were under budget (positive revenue variance) by $6.5 million for the month of December and by $19.3 million for the fiscal year through December. The variance was likely caused by some refunds having been set aside for further review and overall refunds running behind schedule. These reimbursements are expected to be completed within the next few months.

Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2016 ($'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	$24.0	$24.2	$0.2	0.7%	$24.6	-1.8%
FYTD	$165.1	$169.0	$3.9	2.4%	$145.5	16.2%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by $0.2 million (0.7%) for the month of December and over budget by $3.9 million (2.4%) for the fiscal year through December. These positive variances are now calculated against the December 2015 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted revenue by $20 thousand in FY 2016. Fuel taxes were under budget for the month of December by $1.2 million while motor vehicle registration and fees were over budget by $1.0 million. Motor vehicle registrations will be reviewed before the March forecast with the possibility of being adjusted upward.

Cash Update

December cash balances, while down from November, continue to remain strong. December's total cash balance of $769.6 million is well above both last year's balance for December of $585.2 million and the ten-year average for December of $492.9 million. For the fourth month this fiscal year, there was no General Fund internal borrowing from other funds in December. The average Highway Fund balance of $36.7 million in December decreased from November's average of $54.4 million, with the drop-off reflecting the early December annual payment for the Local Road Assistance program.

Summary of Treasurer's Cash Pool
December 2015 Average Daily Balances
($'s Millions)

	2014	2015
General Fund (GF) Total	$41.9	$45.3
General Fund (GF) Detail:		
Budget Stabilization Fund	$68.3	$111.2
Reserve for Operating Capital	$4.9	$45.3
Tax Anticipation Notes	$0.0	$0.0
Internal Borrowing	$155.5	$0.0
Other General Fund Cash	($186.8)	($111.2)
Other Spec. Rev. - Interest to GF	$63.6	$247.1
Other State Funds - Interest to GF	$22.2	$13.9
Highway Fund	$28.6	$36.7
Other Spec. Rev. - Retaining Interest	$76.1	$74.7
Other State Funds	$259.9	$219.0
Independent Agency Funds	$92.9	$132.9
Total Cash Pool	**$585.2**	**$769.6**

Economic Forecast Update

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met on January 29, 2016 to review and update their prior economic forecast through 2019. The first part of the meeting consisted of presentations on labor market conditions from the Maine Department of Labor and on current revenues from the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The Commission then considered and came to agreement on changes to its November 2015 forecast for inclusion in its February 2016 report. The table on the next page compares the major economic variables in the prior forecast with the Commission's February 2016 forecast. The years 2014 and 2015 are included for informational purposes and to reflect adjustments to previous forecasts based on actual data since the last CEFC meeting.

As noted in the report, the CEFC decided to leave the economic forecast largely unchanged - making only minor adjustments to the forecast in the near term to account for current actual trends. The Commission kept its forecast of State population and employment growth below that of the national forecasts as they did in their November 2015 forecast. The Commission's report reiterated the concern expressed in previous reports regarding the impact of low population growth and an aging population on future economic growth.

The recommendations of the CEFC will be reviewed by the Revenue Forecasting Committee at its February meeting and incorporated into the March 2016 revenue forecast. Full reports of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission may be found on the website of the Office of Policy and Management at the following link: http://www.maine.gov/economist/forecasts/

Comparison of November 2015 and February 2016 CEFC Economic Forecasts

Calendar Years	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Wage & Salary Employment (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 11/2015	0.5%	0.9%	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%
CEFC Forecast 2/2016	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%
Difference	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%
Personal Income (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 11/2015	3.1%	3.5%	3.7%	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%
CEFC Forecast 2/2016	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%
Difference	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wage and Salary Income (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 11/2015	3.7%	3.4%	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	3.6%
CEFC Forecast 2/2016	3.7%	3.4%	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	3.6%
Difference	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CPI (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 11/2015	1.6%	0.0%	1.8%	2.4%	2.6%	2.3%
CEFC Forecast 2/2016	1.6%	0.1%	1.7%	2.4%	2.6%	2.3%
Difference	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

State Expenditure Update

Total state operating funds expenditures for the first half of FY 2016 increased by $148.3 million (4.2%) when compared to the first half of FY 2015. This increase was across all operating funds, but on a percentage basis was greatest for the Highway Fund (22.4%) and Other Special Revenue Funds (14.5%). In both cases, these were largely timing and fund allocation issues related to Department of Transportation programs.

General Fund expenditures increased by $31.3 million (1.9%) in the first half of FY 2016 compared to the first half of FY 2015. Increases in General Fund spending for the Department of Corrections (+$17.9; million; 23.6%) and the Department of Health and Human Services (+$13.5 million; 2.4%) were major contributors to the increase. The Department of Corrections increase was primarily the result of moving the State Board of Corrections (Other Departments and Agencies category) to the Department of Corrections beginning in FY 2016. MaineCare spending was a major contributor to the Department of Health and Human Services' increase, although its growth rate has moderated from historical levels.

Total Highway Fund spending increased by $31.0 million (22.4%) in the first half of FY 2016 compared to the same period for FY 2015. The increase was driven by Department of Transportation spending which increased by $28.9 million (27.0%), largely the result of timing issues and the allocation of spending between operating and bond funds.

Operating Funds - Expenditures through 1st Half of Fiscal Year

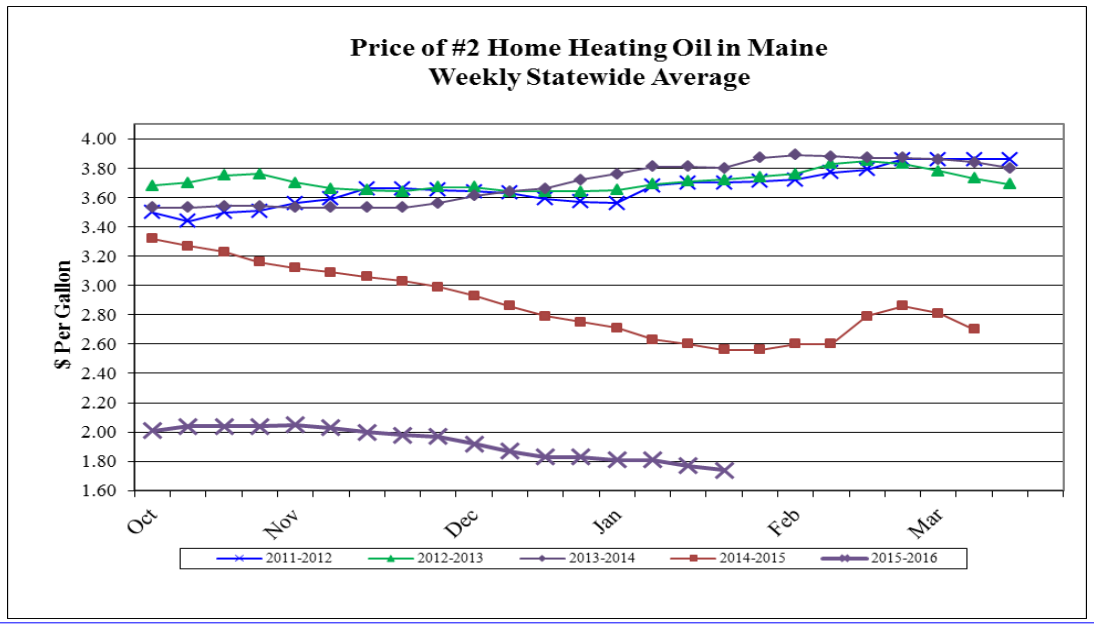
Operating Funds:	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Change
General Fund	$1,641,770,543	$1,673,098,686	1.9%
Highway Fund	$138,679,368	$169,683,107	22.4%
Other Special Revenue Funds	$477,109,168	$546,223,125	14.5%
Federal Funds	$1,249,858,551	$1,266,684,814	1.3%
Total Operating Funds	**$3,507,417,630**	**$3,655,689,732**	**4.2%**
General Fund Expenditures by Major Department			
Education	$606,959,657	$609,776,070	0.5%
Health and Human Services	$555,189,270	$568,722,269	2.4%
Corrections	$75,674,068	$93,544,482	23.6%
Administrative and Financial Services	$85,081,008	$91,994,139	8.1%
Other Departments and Agencies	$318,866,541	$309,061,725	-3.1%
Highway Fund Expenditures by Major Department			
Transportation	$107,241,744	$136,188,250	27.0%
Secretary of State	$17,127,269	$19,140,523	11.8%
Public Safety	$12,962,847	$13,194,865	1.8%
Other Departments and Agencies	$1,347,508	$1,159,469	-14.0%

Heating Oil Price Update

The price of home heating oil is at the lowest levels seen in more than a decade. As the chart below illustrates, the average price of #2 home heating oil in Maine for the month of January was $1.77 per gallon. This price is down $0.85 per gallon (32.4%) from January 2015 and approximately $0.99 per gallon (33.7%) lower for the first four months of the 2015-2016 winter heating season than the same time period last year.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) October 2015 Short-Term Energy and Winter Fuels Outlook projects that the average household may spend approximately 25% less for home heating oil this winter than last winter. This forecast assumes that residential heating oil prices will be approximately 15% lower this winter than last and that temperatures in the Northeast will average approximately 13% warmer than last year's winter heating season.

Maine households will be spending less to heat their homes this year than last. Temperatures in January were approximately 16.1% warmer than last year and 10.4% warmer than normal. Actual temperatures through the first 4 months of the 2015-2016 winter heating season were 14.9% warmer than the same time period last year (and 12.8% warmer than normal) while home heating oil prices are down by 33.7%.



MainePERS Update

Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) investments were up 2.3% for the quarter ending December 31, 2015 and 0.1% over the past year. Total plan assets, however, decreased by approximately $0.3 billion over the past 12 month period, from $12.5 billion as of December 31, 2014 to $12.2 billion as of December 31, 2015.

For the quarter ending December 31, 2015, US stocks were up 6.3% while international stocks returned a positive 3.3%. US bonds decreased 0.4%. During that same time period, approximately 80% of MainePERS asset allocation was in US Stocks (22.9%), US Bonds (24.4%), International Stocks (22.5%), and Real Estate (10.4%). The remaining 20% was invested in Infrastructure, Private Equity, Natural Resources, Cash and other investments.

The table below shows long-term returns information as of December 31, 2015. Over the past 30 years, the fund has had an average return of 8.3% per year. Quarterly and annual performance, however, can deviate significantly from this long-term average in any given year.

This performance will not affect the rates for the 2016-2017 biennium, which were established based on the returns and value for the total fund as of June 30, 2014. However, this quarterly performance along with the performance over the next 2 quarters will be critical to the next rate adjustment which will set rates for the 2018-2019 biennium based on values as of June 30, 2016.

Long-Term Performance ending December 31, 2015
(annualized performance)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	30 Years
Total Fund	0.1%	6.6%	6.5%	5.1%	8.3%

MaineCare Update

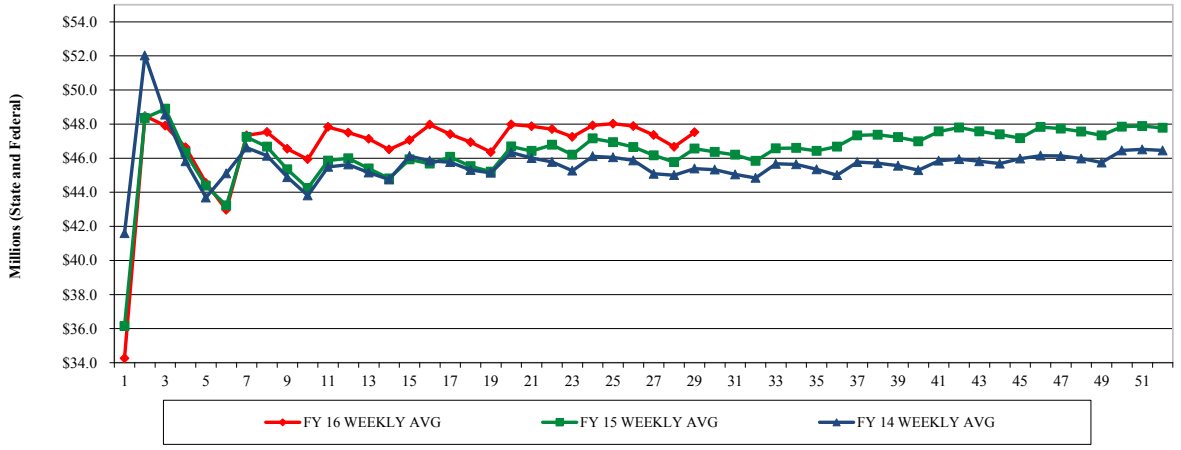
MaineCare Spending

The average weekly MaineCare cycle for FY 2016 through Week 29 was $47.5 million (state and federal dollars), above the MaineCare weekly cycle average for FY 2015 through 29 weeks of $46.6 million, but consistent with the annual average for all of FY 2015 of $47.8 million. MaineCare Chart 1 summarizes average weekly MaineCare cycle payments for FY 2016 as well as comparable payment cycle averages for FY 2014 and FY 2015. MaineCare Chart 2 summarizes the actual cycles each week for FY 2016 and for FY 2014 and FY 2015.

MaineCare Chart 1 illustrates the cycle averages for FY 2016 have been higher than the FY 2015 cycle average to date. The higher FY 2016 cycle averages appear to be consistent with budgeted levels for FY 2016. As shown in MaineCare Chart 2, actual weekly cycles have not been significantly out of line with prior year cycles for the first 29 weeks. The year-over-year increase in the cycle average will continue to be monitored to assure spending remains within FY 2016 budget levels.

MaineCare Chart 1. Weekly Cycle Averages - FY 14, FY 15 and FY 16

FY 16 Through 01/16/16 - Week 29



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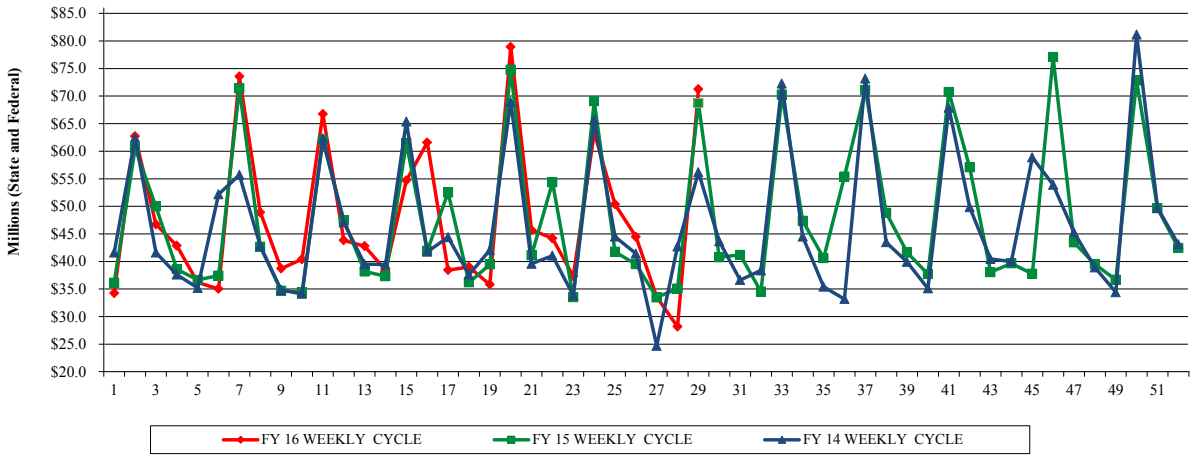
MaineCare Chart 2. Weekly Cycles - FY 14, FY 15 and FY 16

FY 16 Through 01/16/16 - Week 29



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MaineCare Update (Continued)

MaineCare Expenditure Detail through Six Months

MaineCare Table 1 uses expenditure data from the State's financial warehouse through December of 2015 to compare MaineCare expenditures by expenditure category for the first six months of the last three fiscal years. Total MaineCare "All Funds" spending through six months has increased by $34.3 million from FY 2015 to FY 2016. As detailed in MaineCare Table 1, FY 2016 spending through six months increased significantly in the residential care (nursing home payments), pharmacy and related, mental health services, clinic services and home and community based waivers expenditure categories; and decreased in the rehabilitation services, hospital services and certified seed expenditure categories.

MaineCare Table 1. MaineCare and Related Expenditures Detail Through 6 Months

All Funds - Through 6 Months

Expenditure Categories	FY 2014 6 Months	FY 2015 6 Months	FY 2016 6 Months	Chgs. FY 2015 to FY 2016 $	%
1 Hospital Services	$306,860,043	$321,843,476	$305,439,936	($16,403,540)	-5.1%
1A Hospital Settlements	$490,200,000	$0	$0	$0	na
2 Residential Care	$264,380,805	$272,204,276	$284,926,830	$12,722,554	4.7%
3 HCBS Waivers	$165,627,220	$180,875,938	$190,143,466	$9,267,528	5.1%
4 Pharmacy and Related	$160,913,390	$158,724,324	$175,057,508	$16,333,184	10.3%
5 Medical Professionals	$81,628,656	$80,278,739	$78,844,180	($1,434,559)	-1.8%
6 Medicare Crossover Payments	$48,700,745	$46,463,456	$46,048,950	($414,506)	-0.9%
7 Mental Health Services	$143,637,807	$147,151,589	$161,349,363	$14,197,775	9.6%
8 Clinic Services	$24,375,287	$25,623,238	$30,343,332	$4,720,094	18.4%
9 Home Health	$16,750,235	$16,712,738	$18,228,728	$1,515,990	9.1%
10 Rehabilitation Services	$12,337,779	$13,288,879	$10,926,971	($2,361,908)	-17.8%
11 Case Management	$22,311,059	$22,803,900	$22,623,711	($180,189)	-0.8%
12 Certified Seed	$11,458,819	$14,295,439	$13,151,538	($1,143,901)	-8.0%
13 Transportation Services	$22,109,081	$25,989,308	$25,030,667	($958,640)	-3.7%
14 Other Expenditure Codes	$4,429,898	$6,832,037	$5,300,937	($1,531,100)	-22.4%
15 Accounting Adjustments	$3,895,951	($488,062)	($2,716,650)	($2,228,588)	na
16 Other Adjustments	($32,024,678)	($38,267,022)	($26,923,683)	$11,343,339	-29.6%
All Funds Total	$1,747,592,099	$1,294,332,254	$1,337,775,783	$43,443,529	3.4%
Minus Accounting and Other Adjustments [1]	($462,071,273)	$38,755,083	$29,640,333	($9,114,751)	-23.5%
All Funds Adjusted Total	$1,285,520,826	$1,333,087,337	$1,367,416,116	$34,328,779	2.6%
General Fund Totals	$326,086,539	$317,292,973	$325,472,530	$8,179,557	2.6%
Minus Accounting and Other Adjustments [1]	$9,793,732	$16,100,665	$14,465,132	($1,635,533)	-10.2%
General Fund Adjusted Totals	$335,880,271	$333,393,638	$339,937,662	$6,544,025	2.0%

[1] *Includes bad debt write-offs and other adjustments (e.g., third party liability collections, audit settlements, etc.) that are not assigned to a specific expenditure category.*

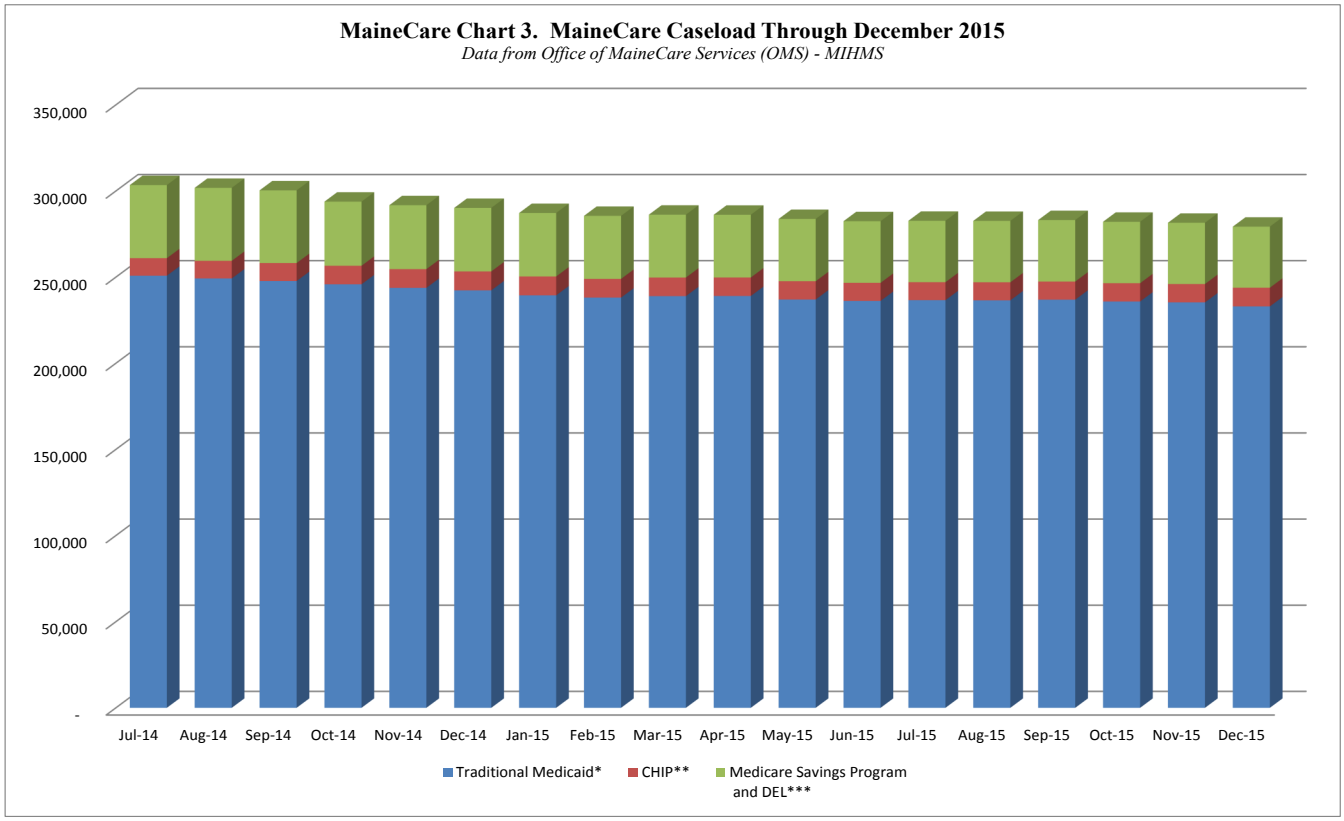
MaineCare Update (Continued)

FY 2016 MaineCare "All Funds" spending through December was offset by the "16 Other Adjustments" category that reflects financial transactions (e.g., third party liability collections, audit settlements, etc.) that are not assigned to another expenditure category, and by the "15 Accounting Adjustments" category that includes bad-debt write-offs. The amount of these offsets has decreased from the FY 2015 levels. Spending for the first six months of FY 2016 without these offsets increased by 2.6% over last year's spending through six months (as compared to the 3.4% increase when the offsets are included in the two years). MaineCare Table 1 also shows that aggregate General Fund expenditures for the first six months of FY 2016 increased by 2.6% compared to the first six months of FY 2015. This increase is in line with the FY 2016 budgeted MaineCare General Fund spending. General Fund spending for the first six months without the offsets noted above increased by 2.0% from the first six months of FY 2015.

MaineCare Caseload

MaineCare caseload data for December released by the DHHS Office of MaineCare Services (OMS) show the aggregate MaineCare caseload trend leveled off in recent months, but continues to drop slightly.

The average caseload decrease over the last year was around 850 members per month. MaineCare Chart 3 shows OMS caseload data over time and MaineCare Table 2 shows the caseload detail over that period.



MaineCare Update (Continued)

MaineCare Table 2. MaineCare Caseload Detail
Source of OMS data - MIHMS

Month	Traditional Medicaid*	CHIP**	Medicare Savings Program and DEL***	Total Caseload	Change	% Change
Jul-14	250,840	10,157	42,439	303,519	(2,761)	-0.90%
Aug-14	249,220	10,230	42,372	301,894	(1,625)	-0.54%
Sep-14	247,726	10,444	42,200	300,432	(1,462)	-0.48%
Oct-14	245,835	10,754	37,228	293,863	(6,569)	-2.19%
Nov-14	243,777	10,852	37,121	291,784	(2,079)	-0.71%
Dec-14	242,316	10,993	36,879	290,218	(1,566)	-0.54%
Jan-15	239,407	10,971	36,840	287,242	(2,976)	-1.03%
Feb-15	238,121	10,849	36,590	285,581	(1,661)	-0.58%
Mar-15	238,971	10,789	36,495	286,265	684	0.24%
Apr-15	239,044	10,743	36,417	286,214	(51)	-0.02%
May-15	237,005	10,604	36,165	283,782	(2,432)	-0.85%
Jun-15	236,190	10,500	35,770	282,460	(1,322)	-0.47%
Jul-15	236,629	10,418	35,662	282,709	249	0.09%
Aug-15	236,517	10,477	35,653	282,647	(62)	-0.02%
Sep-15	236,910	10,519	35,695	283,124	477	0.17%
Oct-15	235,858	10,622	35,648	282,128	(996)	-0.35%
Nov-15	235,329	10,676	35,545	281,550	(578)	-0.20%
Dec-15	233,006	10,852	35,451	279,309	(2,241)	-0.80%

*TRADITIONAL: Adults and children eligible for traditional Medicaid.

**CHIP: Children with family incomes above 125/133%, based on age, and up to and including 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

***MSP & DEL: Persons not eligible for traditional Medicaid, but have family income up to 175% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and are eligible for other federal and state programs such as: Medicaid Savings Plan (MSP) and Low-cost Drugs To Maine's Elderly (DEL).

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General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (FY 2016)

December 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	December '15 Budget	December '15 Actual	December '15 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget	Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	Fiscal Year-To-Date Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
Sales and Use Tax	90,459,303	92,254,668	1,795,365	680,168,836	685,182,625	5,013,789	0.7%	27.4%	1,255,137,966
Service Provider Tax	4,044,432	3,577,905	(466,527)	23,537,789	22,842,146	(695,643)	-3.0%	10.6%	56,073,214
Individual Income Tax	147,072,941	161,259,112	14,186,171	776,672,837	790,858,258	14,185,421	1.8%	14.9%	1,496,986,595
Corporate Income Tax	21,100,000	21,723,278	623,278	42,399,620	43,022,897	623,277	1.5%	-44.7%	142,584,603
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	9,632,977	10,469,217	836,240	73,198,793	73,692,123	493,330	0.7%	3.5%	136,641,000
Insurance Companies Tax	33,620	11,891	(21,730)	12,813,758	12,704,421	(109,337)	-0.9%	-5.0%	82,700,000
Estate Tax	3,000,000	4,931,632	1,931,632	10,648,351	12,579,985	1,931,634	18.1%	-33.4%	26,598,740
Other Taxes and Fees *	8,430,732	9,019,802	589,070	65,619,327	67,217,552	1,598,225	2.4%	4.9%	139,292,958
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,651,694	1,681,786	30,092	11,247,894	10,110,060	(1,137,834)	-10.1%	-9.4%	22,614,508
Income from Investments	60,764	89,354	28,590	437,053	465,642	28,589	6.5%	161.0%	913,279
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,145,815	5,664,501	518,686	28,307,937	28,234,841	(73,096)	-0.3%	0.5%	54,900,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(29,214,884)	(22,693,746)	6,521,138	(52,668,442)	(33,412,718)	19,255,724	36.6%	15.8%	(66,771,938)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(4,418,941)	(4,474,336)	(55,395)	(34,429,518)	(34,489,288)	(59,770)	-0.2%	-22.6%	(66,400,245)
Other Revenue *	1,176,000	1,330,056	154,056	536,535	(5,669,490)	(6,206,025)	-1156.7%	-157.2%	27,796,982
Totals	**258,174,453**	**284,845,120**	**26,670,667**	**1,638,490,770**	**1,673,339,055**	**34,848,285**	**2.1%**	**13.5%**	**3,309,067,662**

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

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December 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	December '15 Budget	December '15 Actual	December '15 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget	Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	Fiscal Year-To-Date Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	11,207,189	11,207,189	(0)	0.0%	-10.0%	14,225,984
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,413,069	1,126,136	(286,933)	8,749,323	9,480,185	730,862	8.4%	-31.5%	15,697,389
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,372,519	1,643,526	271,007	11,097,947	11,753,179	655,232	5.9%	-47.1%	21,214,918
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	181,106	216,636	35,530	1,545,222	1,558,949	13,727	0.9%	-84.1%	9,088,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	(34,249)	(34,249)	N/A	-100.5%	7,500,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,195,991	3,083,500	887,509	13,175,946	14,050,050	874,104	6.6%	-51.2%	26,851,990
- Milk Handling Fee	444,706	280,085	(164,621)	1,888,710	1,724,089	(164,621)	-8.7%	-21.9%	4,556,944
- Racino Revenue	539,250	724,955	185,705	4,398,317	4,557,813	159,496	3.6%	-47.3%	8,678,540
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	174,137	108,914	(65,223)	1,737,463	1,643,336	(94,127)	-5.4%	-64.0%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,109,087	899,337	(209,751)	7,697,821	7,646,782	(51,039)	-0.7%	-53.6%	15,850,342
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	1,000,867	936,714	(64,153)	4,121,389	3,630,230	(491,159)	-11.9%	-71.7%	11,104,641
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	**8,430,732**	**9,019,802**	**589,070**	**65,619,327**	**67,217,552**	**1,598,225**	**2.4%**	**-51.8%**	**139,292,958**
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	1,225	2,720	1,495	13,172	16,530	3,358	25.5%	-99.9%	9,667,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	16,793	73,779	56,986	989,636	1,046,622	56,986	5.8%	-58.7%	2,640,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,633,389	1,557,383	(76,006)	9,103,248	9,247,308	144,060	1.6%	-58.9%	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%	7,000,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(12,854,128)	(13,112,062)	(257,934)	-2.0%	-12.8%	(12,854,128)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	(496,398)	(496,398)	0	(6,779,920)	(6,779,920)	N/A	-72.4%	(13,239,128)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(6,800,000)	(7,308,989)	(508,989)	-7.5%	-3.4%	(6,800,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	(475,407)	192,572	667,979	10,084,607	11,221,020	1,136,413	11.3%	-57.4%	23,085,906
Subtotal - Other Revenue	**1,176,000**	**1,330,056**	**154,056**	**536,535**	**(5,669,490)**	**(6,206,025)**	**-1156.7%**	**-110.9%**	**27,796,982**
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	1,304	1,304	0	2,916	2,916	N/A	-80.5%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(3,106,683)	(2,488,296)	618,387	(21,770,964)	(12,957,490)	8,813,474	40.5%	61.2%	(35,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(26,108,201)	(20,206,753)	5,901,448	(30,897,478)	(20,458,144)	10,439,334	33.8%	21.8%	(31,771,938)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	**(29,214,884)**	**(22,693,746)**	**6,521,138**	**(52,668,442)**	**(33,412,718)**	**19,255,724**	**36.6%**	**43.9%**	**(66,771,938)**
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	**1,403,516**	**1,081,838**	**(321,678)**	**9,936,251**	**9,766,509**	**(169,742)**	**-1.7%**	**-55.9%**	**21,447,907**

Highway Fund Revenue
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December 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	December '15 Budget	December '15 Actual	December '15 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget	Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	Fiscal Year-To-Date Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date % Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date % Change from Prior Year	FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	15,603,987	14,981,555	(622,432)	105,316,225	104,839,032	(477,193)	-0.5%	20.4%	197,254,300
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,722,404	4,055,772	(666,632)	24,885,195	25,399,562	514,367	2.1%	20.5%	46,393,600
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,495,213)	(1,407,392)	87,821	(9,567,581)	(9,579,036)	(11,455)	-0.1%	-0.8%	(17,903,637)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(390,209)	(375,231)	14,979	(2,633,639)	(2,622,092)	11,547	0.4%	-0.9%	(4,932,738)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	18,440,969	17,254,704	(1,186,265)	118,000,200	118,037,466	37,266	0.0%	22.8%	220,811,525
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,395,404	5,705,131	309,727	31,374,269	32,530,769	1,156,500	3.7%	0.6%	65,595,787
- License Plate Fees	298,474	322,507	24,033	1,834,262	1,924,831	90,569	4.9%	2.4%	3,458,710
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	816,082	1,316,249	500,167	3,400,075	4,099,396	699,321	20.6%	2.8%	9,884,523
- Title Fees	980,084	1,135,539	155,455	6,329,416	6,905,970	576,554	9.1%	8.8%	13,129,254
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	576,795	709,478	132,683	3,707,554	4,156,190	448,636	12.1%	12.3%	7,425,882
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(3,443,130)	(3,591,810)	(148,680)	(7,663,195)	(7,940,965)	(277,770)	-3.6%	-2.5%	(15,483,404)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	4,623,709	5,597,094	973,385	38,982,381	41,676,191	2,693,810	6.9%	2.9%	84,010,752
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	231,851	632,540	400,689	1,146,715	1,866,687	719,972	62.8%	54.0%	2,982,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	102,853	125,857	23,004	663,411	695,789	32,378	4.9%	7.7%	1,293,729
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	78,339	67,812	(10,527)	419,967	382,242	(37,725)	-9.0%	-23.9%	905,910
Interest Earnings	28,104	18,161	(9,943)	136,466	98,208	(38,258)	-28.0%	123.3%	305,087
Other Highway Fund Revenue	492,119	466,889	(25,230)	5,743,009	6,251,599	508,590	8.9%	-3.5%	9,201,412
Totals	**23,997,944**	**24,163,057**	**165,113**	**165,092,149**	**169,008,181**	**3,916,032**	**2.4%**	**16.2%**	**319,510,915**