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LD 2214, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

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Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; my name is Jeanne Lambrew, Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). I am here today to speak in support of LD 2214, the Governor's supplemental budget proposal for state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. I will introduce our testimony and help answer questions; Deputy Commissioner Benjamin Mann will testify on individual initiatives and will also be available to answer questions.

Overall Budget

The supplemental budget is a balanced, prudent, and responsible proposal that advances the Governor's long-held belief that we must continue to invest in the people of Maine, our greatest asset.

That is why the Governor's proposal strikes the balance between making timely investments to address urgent needs – like public safety, mental health, housing, education, and health care – and -saving money to ensure that our state continues to stand on strong fiscal footing in the future.

We look forward to working with the Legislature in the coming weeks to arrive at a budget that protects our fiscal health and that makes prudent and timely investments to support the health, safety, and welfare of Maine people.

Highlights from Department of Health and Human Services

Maine's population, diversity, and economy have grown in recent years, as has the role of state government in key areas like health coverage, income and food security, and public safety. As with all other states, Maine has also been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its ongoing effects such as increased behavioral health challenges, workforce strain, and historic inflation.

Maine DHHS has a strong track record of providing and expanding critical services to those in need, despite and due to the pandemic such as: expanded MaineCare eligibility for low-income adults, older adults, and children; award-winning rate reform in MaineCare that promotes quality, accessible care; more and better quality child care; and first-class public health.

We are committed to securing and building on the gains we have made in recent years in a financially responsible way to ensure continued sustainability for health and human services programs. The Maine DHHS supplemental budget requests are minimal on new policies. It includes initiatives to address urgent priorities such as strengthening Maine's mental health, public safety, and child welfare systems. In the wake of the Lewiston tragedy, storms, and ongoing stress for Maine families, these targeted initiatives, informed by people and partners across Maine, will quickly and effectively bolster critical infrastructure.

The supplemental budget proposes funding to continue MaineCare rate reform for some of the most important services. For nursing facilities, it proposes \$10 million, including \$3.2 million in General Funds, to complement the \$29 million, including \$9.1 million in General Funds, already appropriated for state fiscal year 2025. This significant investment in a new payment system incentivizes permanent direct care staffing and promotes quality care and positive health outcomes for Maine residents who live in nursing facilities.

For hospitals, the supplemental budget proposes \$96.4 million for state fiscal year 2025 including \$2.5 million in additional General Fund to complement the \$6.2 million in General Funds already appropriated for state fiscal year 2025 plus \$29.5 million from an increase in the hospital tax rate to support the state share of costs. The proposed system will better align MaineCare and Medicare payment rates, encourage more outpatient care, and increase transparency and uniformity.

And for behavioral health, the supplemental budget includes \$8.2 million in General Funds for cost-of-living adjustments.

The largest General Fund requests from the Department are out of necessity. For example, higher income in Maine means a lower federal Medicaid matching rate; higher drug costs mean a higher required payment to the federal government for Medicare Part D; and higher inflation means higher spending.

The budget also makes hard, necessary tradeoffs to ensure sustainability of critical programs into the future. For example, we request \$5.4 million for State SNAP while proposing statutory changes to eligibility criteria. We request \$5 million for General Assistance while proposing to limit emergency spending above the maximum levels of assistance to 30 days and not longer. We continue to invest in MaineCare—guided by the award-winning, data-driven rate reform process—but also propose to partially, rather than fully, implement recent and not-yet-implemented Medicare Savings Program eligibility expansion.

In summary, Maine DHHS requests in the supplemental budget aim to balance continued support for key programs and systems with common-sense changes.

Departmental Supplemental Initiatives

Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; my name is Benjamin Mann, Deputy Commissioner of Finance at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

A couple of housekeeping notes before we begin: For many of the initiatives that we'll cover during this session, I included the traditional budget language that directly aligns to what you see in the Governor's printed budget. This language is italicized. However, my oral testimony today will summarize each initiative so that it's easier to understand while not losing any detail or meaning. Thus, my testimony today is 46 pages but I won't be reading it all. There are also several initiatives that appear numerous times in the budget because they are funded in multiple programs. I will explain the initiative the first time, but my oral testimony does not continually repeat them over and over. The italicized language is there for reference, and I included a summary table for each of these initiatives in my testimony as well. I think this approach will help simplify and provide a better understanding of DHHS' budget submission overall.

Child Care Services

The first program on page A-52 is **Child Care Services – 0563**. This program funds child care services for families whose income is less than 85% of the state's median income. Direct services are provided through contracted slots or vouchers. The Child Care Development Block Grant funds also provide funding for child care provider training, consumer education and projects directed to improving child care quality. This programs also includes funds to pay for background check fees, processing and administration for child care providers. This program has 5 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-1703) on page A- 52 reduces funding one-time by recognizing savings for monthly wage supplements for all child care workers. This one-time, proportional deappropriation is due to delayed effective date of October 25, 2023 for Public Law 2023, chapter 412. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$4,408,509 in fiscal year 2024. This initiative, along with the subsequent child care deappropriations, solely reflects timing issues and does not reduce ongoing appropriations for these policies.

The first initiative (F-A-1703) on page A- 52 reduces funding one-time by recognizing savings for monthly wage supplements for all child care workers due to the October 25, 2023 effective date of Public Law 2023, chapter 412. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$4,408,509 in state fiscal year 2024.

2. The next initiative (F-A-1793) on page A-52 continues five positions previously established by Financial Order. These positions are needed to help carry out the goals of the Preschool Development Grant. This initiative increases federal allocation by \$638,721 in state fiscal year 2025.

The next initiative (F-A-1793) on page A-52 continues one limited-period Social Services Program Manager (SSPM) position and one limited-period Developmental Disabilities Resources Coordinator (DDRC) position, previously established by Financial Order 002884 F4 and 3 limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II positions established by Financial Order 002911 F4 through March 30, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs. These positions are needed to help carry out the goals of the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5). This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$577,727 and All Other allocation by \$60,994 in state fiscal year 2025.

3. The next initiative (F-A-7719) on page A-52 provides one-time funding for technology enhancements necessary to implement the eligibility changes for child care subsidies in the Child Care Affordability Program enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part VVV. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$1,500,000 in state fiscal year 2024.

The next initiative (F-A-7719) on page A-52 provides one-time funding for technology enhancements necessary to implementing the eligibility changes for child care subsidies in the Child Care Affordability Program enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part VVV. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$1,500,000 in state fiscal year 2024.

4. The next initiative (F-A-7716) on page A-52 reduces funding on a one-time basis due to delayed implementation for changes to income eligibility for child care subsidies in the Child Care Affordability Program enacted in last year's budget, Part VVV. Language has been submitted on page 69L, Part SS, changing the effective date from January 1, 2024 to July 1, 2024

which is the earliest feasible implementation date. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$4,864,140 in state fiscal year 2024.

The next initiative (F-A-7716) on page A-52 reduces funding on a one-time basis due to the delayed implementation of changes to income eligibility for child care subsidies in the Child Care Affordability Program enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part VVV.

5. The next initiative (F-A-7715) on page A-52 reduces funding by recognizing one-time savings for child care staff in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program due to delayed implementation until fiscal year 2025. This initiative reduces General Fund by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024. Language has been submitted on page 69L, Part TT, that adjusts the proposal for child care scholarships for child care workers to be a two-year pilot program that offers flexibility to spend the maximum appropriation and ability to modify and evaluate the program before implementing a permanent program.

The next initiative (F-A-7715) on page A-52 reduces funding by recognizing one-time savings for child care staff in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program due to delaying implementation until fiscal year 2024-25.

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations

The next program on page A-53 is **Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations – 0142**. This program provides general operational leadership, financial and support services to all offices within the Department and consists of Administrative Hearings, Audit, Commissioner's Office, Division of Contract Management (DCM), and the Staff Education and Training Unit (SETU). The federal share of Central Operations operating costs is determined by the departmental cost allocation plan (CAP), which allocates a portion of the total allowable cost to each program. Federal funds are then claimed for each portion by applying the appropriate matching percentage. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-1220) on page A-53 provides funding for the approved reorganization of 14 positions in Central Operations, Office for Family Independence, and Office of Child and Family Services to correct classification disparities among employees serving in the Department's district offices. This initiative provides General Fund of \$16,802 and increases Other Special Revenue (OSR) by \$9,678 in fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-75 and A-79.

This initiative (F-A-1220) on page A-53 provides funding for the approved reorganization of 7 Office Assistant II positions and one Office Associate I position in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program, 4 Office Assistant II positions in the Office for

Family Independence – District program, and 2 Office Assistant II positions in the Office of Child and Family Services - District program to Office Associate II positions and also provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative provides General Fund Personal Services funding of \$3,977 and increases Other Special Revenue Funds Personal Services allocation by \$1,058 and All Other allocation by \$26 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-53 and A-75.

Developmental Services – Community

The next program on page A-53 is **Developmental Services – Community – Z208**. This program provides support to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism, including family support, respite, professional services and other client needs. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-1670) on page A-53 transfers 36 positions from the Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) Developmental Services account to OADS Central Office program and the Adult Protective Services program to align the duties being performed with the proper funding source. There is no net cost related to this transfer. This initiative reduces General Fund Personal Services funding by \$3,335,327 and All Other funding by \$217,216 in fiscal year 2025. The corresponding initiatives can be found on pages A-76 and A-77.

This initiative (F-A-1670) on page A-53 transfers 36 positions between the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services program and Developmental Services - Community program within the Office of Aging and Disability Services to align the duties being performed with the proper funding source. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of Budget.

Developmental Services Waiver – MaineCare

The next program on page A-54 is **Developmental Services Waiver – MaineCare – Z211**. This program is a comprehensive array of supports and services designed as an alternative choice to placement in an institution. The services include residential supports that vary based on need, from 24/7 care to scattered hours of personal support, day habilitation, supported employment, crisis supports, clinical services, transportation, and respite. The level of need for the types of services is determined by the person-centered plan developed on a planning team. This program has 4 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-2142) on page A-54 provides funding for non-emergency medical transportation due to increased broker rates. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$121,703 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$127,084 in fiscal year 2025. This initiative

can also be found on pages A-55, A-64, and A-65. Note that this is the first initiative that has a summary table (Table 1) since it spans five different programs.

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Table 1: Non-emergency transportation (NET)

NET (F-A-2142)		SFY 2024				SFY 2025			
Approp	Page	010	013	015	Total	010	013	015	Total
Z21159	A-54	\$ (121,703)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (121,703)	\$ (127,084)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (127,084)
Z21254	A-55	\$ 315,134	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315,134	\$ 329,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 329,066
Z21756	A-64	\$ 1,817	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,817	\$ 1,898	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,898
Z21858	A-64	\$ 132,892	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,892	\$ 138,767	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,767
014701	A-65	\$ 307,149	\$ 5,035,229	\$ (94,551)	\$ 5,247,827	\$ 299,179	\$ 5,029,181	\$ (95,040)	\$ 5,233,320
		<u>\$ 635,289</u>	<u>\$ 5,035,229</u>	<u>\$ (94,551)</u>	<u>\$ 5,575,967</u>	<u>\$ 641,826</u>	<u>\$ 5,029,181</u>	<u>\$ (95,040)</u>	<u>\$ 5,575,967</u>

2. The next initiative (F-A-7997) on page A-54 adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$16,997,086 in fiscal year 2025. This initiative can be found on pages A-55, A-63, A-65, A-69, A-72, and A-83. Note that this and related initiatives complete the elimination of the Service Provider Tax enacted in the previous session though an ongoing initiative by providing funding in the baseline. There is no impact in this biennium, which is why there is a corresponding one-time initiative to offset funding in fiscal year 2025, which is the next initiative.

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Table 2: SPT ongoing

SPT - Eliminates Hlth Care Svcs (F-A-7997)			SFY 2025			
Approp	Name	Page	010	013	014	Total
Z21159	Developmental Svcs Waiver-MC	A-54	\$ 16,997,086	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,997,086
Z21254	Developmental Svcs Supports Waiver	A-55	\$ 623,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 623,725
Z21050	Medicaid Match-Developmental Svcs	A-63	\$ 929,003	\$ -	\$ (313,089)	\$ 615,914
Z21052	Medicaid Match-DS-SPT	A-63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (19,058,413)	\$ (19,058,413)
014701	Medical Care Services	A-65	\$ 3,151,264	\$ (15,221,316)	\$ (12,456,722)	\$ (24,526,774)
Z20780	MH Svcs Child Medicaid	A-69	\$ 821,688	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 821,688
Z20140	MH Svcs Community Medicaid	A-72	\$ 5,765,413	\$ -	\$ (2,310,907)	\$ 3,454,506
Z20144	MH Svcs Community Medicaid - PNMI Tax	A-72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,454,506)	\$ (3,454,506)
Z20241	SA & MH Medicaid	A-83	\$ 155,165	\$ -	\$ (155,165)	\$ -
Total			\$ 28,443,344	\$ (15,221,316)	\$ (37,748,802)	\$ (24,526,774)

3. The next initiative (F-A-7998) on page **A-54** adjusts funding and rates on a one-time basis to reflect the inclusion of health care services in the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, through January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$16,997,086 in state fiscal year 2025, which is the same amount as the previous initiative. This initiative can also be found on pages A-55, A-63, A-65, A-69, A-72, and A-83.

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Table 3: SPT one-time

SPT-Includes Hlth Care Svcs (F-A-7998)			SFY 2025			
Approp	Name	Page	010	013	014	Total
Z21159	Developmental Svcs Waiver-MC	A-54	\$ (16,997,086)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (16,997,086)
Z21254	Developmental Svcs Supports Waiver	A-55	\$ (623,725)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (623,725)
Z21050	Medicaid Match-Developmental Svcs	A-63	\$ (929,003)	\$ -	\$ 313,089	\$ (615,914)
Z21052	Medicaid Match-DS-SPT	A-63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,058,413	\$ 19,058,413
014701	Medical Care Services	A-65	\$ (3,151,264)	\$ 15,221,316	\$ 12,456,722	\$ 24,526,774
Z20780	MH Svcs Child Medicaid	A-69	\$ (821,688)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (821,688)
Z20140	MH Svcs Community Medicaid	A-72	\$ (5,765,413)	\$ -	\$ 2,310,907	\$ (3,454,506)
Z20144	MH Svcs Community Medicaid - PNMI Tax	A-72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,454,506	\$ 3,454,506
Z20241	SA & MH Medicaid	A-83	\$ (155,165)	\$ -	\$ 155,165	\$ -
Total			\$ (28,443,344)	\$ 15,221,316	\$ 37,748,802	\$ 24,526,774

4. The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page **A-54** adjusts funding because of the decrease in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 62.65 percent in federal fiscal year 2024

to 62.06 percent in federal fiscal year 2025. This initiative provides General Fund of \$2,348,026 in fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-55, A-63, A-64, A-66, A-69, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-86. Overall, all the FMAP adjustment initiatives total \$16,214,495, which you can see in Table 4 below.

The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-54 adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$2,348,026 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-55, A-63, A-64, A-66, A-69, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-86.

Table 4: FMAP adjustments

FMAP (F-A-2147)		SFY 2025				
Approp	Page	010	013	015	024	Total
Z21159	A-54	\$ 2,348,026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,348,026
Z21254	A-55	\$ 605,597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 605,597
Z21050	A-63	\$ 443,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 443,037
Z21756	A-64	\$ 46,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,715
Z21858	A-64	\$ 110,075	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,075
014701	A-66	\$ 8,940,537	\$ (14,214,961)	\$ (19,261)	\$ 377,244	\$ (4,916,441)
Z20780	A-69	\$ 499,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 499,963
Z20140	A-72	\$ 681,661	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 681,661
014801	A-73	\$ 2,373,392	\$ (2,373,392)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Z20241	A-83	\$ 163,994	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,875	\$ 179,869
Z21451	A-86	\$ 1,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,498
Total		\$ 16,214,495	\$ (16,588,353)	\$ (19,261)	\$ 393,119	\$ -

Developmental Services Waiver – Supports

The next program on page A-55 is **Developmental Services Waiver – Supports – Z212**. This program provides support services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder (also known as Section 29) and is an 1115(c) waiver that funds services designed as an alternative to institutional care. The services include shared living, intermittent residential support, community support, work support, and respite. These services assist individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism living in the community. This program has 5 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-2142) we have already covered. Please refer to the italicized language below or the summary provided in Table 1.

The first initiative (F-A-2142) on page A-55 provides funding for non-emergency medical transportation due to increased broker rates. This initiative provides General Fund All Other

funding of \$315,134 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$329,066 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-64, and A-65.

2. The next initiative (F-A-7997) on page A-55 we also have already covered. Please refer to the italicized language below or the summary in Table 2.

The next initiative (F-A-7997) on page A-55 adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$623,725 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-63, A-65, A-69, A-72, and A-83.

3. The third initiative (F-A-7998) on page A-55 is also a repeat initiative. Please see the summary in Table 3.

The next initiative (F-A-7998) on page A-55 adjusts funding and rates on a one-time basis to reflect the inclusion of health care services in the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, through January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$623,725 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-63, A-65, A-69, A-72, and A-83.

4. The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-55 is also a repeat initiative. Please see summary Table 4.

The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-55 adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$605,597 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-63, A-64, A-66, A-69, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-86.

5. The next initiative (F-A-7996) on page A-55 adjusts funding in the Medicaid dedicated tax accounts and the corresponding General Fund accounts to bring baseline resources in line with the December 2023 Revenue Forecasting Committee recommendations. This initiative reduces General Fund by \$3,854 and increases OSR allocation by \$3,854 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-63, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-85.

The next initiative (F-A-7996) on page A-55 adjusts funding in the Medicaid dedicated tax accounts and the corresponding General Fund accounts to bring baseline resources in line with the December 2023 Revenue Forecasting Committee recommendations. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$3,854 and increases Other Special Revenue Funds All

Other allocation by \$3,854 in state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-63, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-85.

Table 5: RFC adjustments

RFC - Dec 2023 (F-A-7996)		SFY 2024			SFY 2025		
Approp	Page	010	014	Total	010	014	Total
Z21254	A-55	\$ (3,854)	\$ 3,854	\$ -	\$ (3,854)	\$ 3,854	\$ -
Z21050	A-63	\$ (228,675)	\$ -	\$ (228,675)	\$ (228,675)	\$ -	\$ (228,675)
Z21057	A-63	\$ -	\$ 5,675	\$ 5,675	\$ -	\$ 5,675	\$ 5,675
Z20140	A-72	\$ (815,051)	\$ 269,121	\$ (545,930)	\$ (407,526)	\$ 134,561	\$ (272,965)
Z20144	A-72	\$ -	\$ 545,930	\$ 545,930	\$ -	\$ 272,965	\$ 272,965
014801	A-73	\$ (830,366)	\$ -	\$ (830,366)	\$ (830,366)	\$ -	\$ (830,366)
014802	A-73	\$ -	\$ 830,366	\$ 830,366	\$ -	\$ 830,366	\$ 830,366
Z20241	A-83	\$ (63,018)	\$ 63,018	\$ -	\$ (31,509)	\$ 31,509	\$ -
Z19753	A-85	\$ -	\$ 223,000	\$ 223,000	\$ -	\$ 223,000	\$ 223,000
Total		\$ (1,940,964)	\$ 1,940,964	\$ -	\$ (1,501,930)	\$ 1,501,930	\$ -

Disability Determination – Division of

The next program on page A-56 is **Disability Determination – Division of – 0208**. This program reviews claims for disability under Title II and Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act. The program is operated under contract with the Social Security Administration. In addition to staff and other administrative costs, the agency purchases medical evidence and consultative examinations to assist in making decisions. The Division of Disability Determination Services adjudicates approximately 18,000 claims per year. This program has 2 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-7849) on page A-56 provides funding for the approved range change of 46 Disability Claims Adjudicator positions from range 23 to range 25. This initiative is federally funded and increases allocation by \$345,008 in state fiscal year 2025.

The first initiative (F-A-7849) on page A-56 provides funding for the approved range change of 46 Disability Claims Adjudicator positions from range 23 to range 25. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$336,754 and All Other allocation by \$8,254 in state fiscal year 2025.

2. The next initiative (F-A-7848) on page A-56 provides funding for the approved range change of six Disability Claims Supervisor positions from range 24 to range 26 effective November 23, 2021. This initiative is federally funded and increases allocation by \$39,919 in fiscal year 2024 and \$43,292 in state fiscal year 2025.

The next initiative (F-A-7848) on page A-56 provides funding for the approved range change of 6 Disability Claims Supervisor positions from range 24 to range 26 effective November 23, 2021.

This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$38,964 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$42,256 in state fiscal year 2025 and All Other allocation by \$955 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$1,036 in state fiscal year 2025.

Division of Licensing and Certification

The next program on page A-57 is **Division of Licensing and Certification – Z036**. This program serves as the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Agency in accordance with the 1964 agreement of the Social Security Act. The Division performs CMS survey and certification work to verify federally certified healthcare facilities are in compliance with Medicare Conditions of Participation. The Division is also responsible for state licensing of hospitals, long term care facilities, private non-medical institutions, adult family care homes, assisted living facilities, mental health service providers, substance use disorder agencies, emergency shelters, ambulatory surgical centers, dialysis centers, laboratories, home health agencies, home care personal services and hospice agencies, employee assistance programs, temporary nursing agencies and personal care agencies. The Division manages the Maine Background Check Program, operates the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers, and operates the Sentinel Event unit. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-1223) on page A-57 provides funding in various programs to align allocation with available resources. This initiative increases OSR allocation by \$819,608 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-74 and A-84.

This initiative (F-A-1223) on page A-57 provides funding in various programs to align allocation with available resources. This initiative increases Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$819,608 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-74 and A-84.

Drinking Water Enforcement

The next program on page A-57 is **Drinking Water Enforcement – 0728**. This program is the primary enforcement authority of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act which was established by Congress in 1974. The Drinking Water Enforcement program staff performs regular inspections of the 1,900 public water systems in Maine to identify deficiencies which may result in contamination entering the drinking water as well as providing technical assistance to owners and operators. The Drinking Water Enforcement program staff also review operational and water quality test reports from public water systems. Funding from this program also provides licensing for water operators and certification for environmental laboratories. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-1191) on page A-57 reduces funding in the Drinking Water Enforcement program, OSR Funds and increases funding in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, OSR Funds to correct an error in last year's budget, which eliminated a position out of the incorrect OSR account. This initiative reduces allocation by \$16,539 in fiscal year 2024 and \$17,262 in fiscal year 2025. The corresponding initiative to offset this reduction can be found on page A-60.

This initiative (F-A-1191) on page A-57 adjusts funding between the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds and the Drinking Water Enforcement program, Other Special Revenue Funds to correct an error in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 which eliminated a position out of the incorrect Other Special Revenue Funds account. This initiative reduces Other Special Revenue Funds Personal Services allocation by \$16,539 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$17,262 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-60.

Food Supplement Administration

The next program on page A-57 is **Food Supplement Administration – Z019**. This program administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (also known as Food Supplement or Food Stamps) Program, which helps families who meet income guidelines buy healthy food and the Supplemental Nutrition Education and Employment & Training for Food Supplement recipients. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-1843) on page A-57 provides funding for State-funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP benefits, due to increased enrollment in the program. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$5,400,000 in fiscal year 2025. Note that there is budget language in Part QQ on page 68L that eliminates a hardship exception for individuals who have secured work permits to help control costs while providing continued access to the program for others.

This initiative (F-A-1843) on page A-57 provides funding for State-funded supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits within the Food Supplement Administration program, General Fund. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$5,400,000 in state fiscal year 2025.

General Assistance – Reimbursement to Cities and Towns

The next program on page A-58 is **General Assistance – Reimbursement to Cities and Towns – 0130**. This program provides assistance for basic necessities for those persons who do not

have the income or resources to provide for themselves or their families. The program provides for a percent of General Assistance expenditures within each municipality and administers the General Assistance program in the unorganized territories. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-1844) on page **A-58** provides one-time funding to support the substantial new demand for the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program. This initiative increases OSR allocation by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025. Note that there is budget language in Part II on page 62L to limit municipalities from exceeding the maximum levels of assistance for a household for more than 30 days in a 12 month period to adhere to the program's purpose of providing short-term, last resort assistance.

This initiative (F-A-1844) on page A-58 provides additional one-time funding in tandem with programmatic reforms in order to support the substantial new demand for the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program. This initiative increases Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$5,000,000 in state fiscal year 2025.

Head Start

The next program on page **A-58** is **Head Start - 0545**. This program delivers comprehensive health, educational, nutritional, social and other developmental services to economically disadvantaged children and their families. The Head Start agencies utilize state Head Start funds to provide the required match for Medicaid reimbursement for medically related developmental and family services such as: speech and physical therapy, early intervention programs, family services case management and transportation costs for children with special needs. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-1704) on page **A-58** reduces funding by recognizing one-time savings due to the October 25, 2023 effective date of Public Law 2023, chapter 412. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$1,134,000 in state fiscal year 2024. There is no change in ongoing funding.

This initiative (F-A-1704) on page A-58 reduces funding by recognizing one-time General Fund savings for Head Start services to support families earning up to 185% of the federal poverty level due to the October 25, 2023 effective date of Public Law 2023, chapter 412. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$1,134,000 in state fiscal year 2024.

Injury and Violence Prevention Program

The next program on page **A-58** is **Injury and Violence Prevention Program – Z397**. This program implements a shared risk and protective factor framework to address factors that cut

across multiple injury and violence outcomes. Examples of shared risk are adverse childhood experiences such as individual exposure to violence and parental substance use. The program will focus on integrating data and using evidence-based methods to coordinate a statewide approach to injury and violence and will conduct an environmental scan that identifies populations impacted by injury and violence. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-7196) on page **A-58** establishes three limited-period positions at Maine CDC through June 12, 2027 using federal grant funding. This initiative also provides one-time funding for the new Injury and Violence Prevention Program. This program will establish an integrated data system and dashboard for violence related injuries and deaths as well as funding for a shared risk and protective factor framework, including an environmental scan. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$1,032,000 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-61.

*This initiative (F-A-7196) on page **A-58** establishes one limited-period Health Program Manager position and one limited-period Public Health Education III position in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and one limited- period Epidemiologist position in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Block Grant Fund through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also provides one-time All Other funding in the new Injury and Violence Prevention Program, General Fund. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$1,032,000 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-61.*

Low-Cost Drugs to Maine's Elderly

The next program on page **A-59** is **Low-Cost Drugs to Maine's Elderly - 0202**. This program assists low-income elderly or disabled in obtaining prescription drugs. This program has one initiative.

1. This initiative (F-A-7156) on page **A-59** provides funding for the increase in clawback payments beginning January 1, 2024. Clawback payments are required annual payments by states to the federal government for the Medicare Part D program. This initiative provides General Fund of \$167,630 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$403,438 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-67. Overall, the clawback increase totals \$18,362,336 for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 combined.

*This initiative (F-A-7156) on page **A-59** provides funding for the increase in clawback payments beginning January 1, 2024. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$167,630 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$403,438 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-67.*

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

The next program on page A-60 is **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention - 0143**. This program develops and delivers services that preserve, protect and promote the health and well-being of all Maine people. This program has 9 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-1187) on page A-60 provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Social Services Program Specialist II position to a Health Program Manager position to align the classification with current position responsibilities. This initiative provides General Fund Personal Services funding of \$3,449 and increases Federal Expenditures Fund allocation by \$3,531 in state fiscal year 2025.

The first initiative (F-A-1187) on page A-60 provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Social Services Program Specialist II position to a Health Program Manager (HPM) position in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative provides General Fund Personal Services funding of \$3,449, and increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$3,446 and All Other allocation by \$85 in state fiscal year 2025.

2. The next initiative (F-A-7194) on page A-60 provides funding in the Maine CDC federal account to align allocation with available resources for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). This initiative increases federal allocation by \$3,660,938 in state fiscal year 2025.

The next initiative (F-A-7194) on page A-60 provides funding in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund to align allocation with available resources. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$3,660,938 in state fiscal year 2025.

3. The next initiative (F-A-7372) on page A-60 provides one-time funding for a retroactive payment related to the reclassification of one Planning and Research Associate II position to a Comprehensive Health Planner II position approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 17. This initiative increases federal allocation by \$5,212 in state fiscal year 2024.

The next initiative (F-A-7372) on page A-60 provides one-time funding for retroactive payment related to the reclassification of one Planning and Research Associate II position to a Comprehensive Health Planner II position approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 17. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$5,212 in state fiscal year 2024.

4. The next initiative (F-A-7373) on page A-60 provides one-time funding for retroactive payment related to the reclassification of one Chemist I position to a Chemist II position approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 17. This initiative provides General Fund funding of \$5,139 and increases OSR allocation by \$3,150 in fiscal year 2024.

The next initiative (F-A-7373) on page A-60 provides one-time funding for retroactive payment related to the reclassification of one Chemist I position to a Chemist II position approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 17. This initiative provides General Fund Personal Services funding of \$5,139 and increases OSR Personal Services allocation by \$3,150 in fiscal year 2024.

5. The next initiative (F-A-7111) on page A-60 provides allocation for opioid abatement through harm reduction, treatment, prevention and/or recovery support in accordance with the approved uses in the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Opioid Settlement Funds. This initiative establishes Maine Recovery Fund allocation of \$368,750 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,350,000 in fiscal year 2025. This initiative allows the Maine Recovery Council to transfer funding to Maine CDC should it choose to do so. Similar initiatives can also be found on pages A-84 and A-85.

The next initiative (F-A-7111) on page A-60 provides funding for opioid abatement through harm reduction, treatment, prevention and/or recovery support in accordance with the approved uses in the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds. This initiative establishes Maine Recovery Fund All Other allocation of \$368,750 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$1,350,000 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-84 and A-85.

6. The next initiative (F-A-1191) on page A-60 adjusts funding between the Maine CDC OSR accounts to correct an error in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 which eliminated a position out of the incorrect Other Special Revenue account. This initiative increases OSR Personal Services allocation by \$16,539 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$17,262 in state fiscal year 2025. The corresponding initiative can also be found on page A-57.

The next initiative (F-A-1191) on page A-60 adjusts funding between the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds and the Drinking Water Enforcement program, Other Special Revenue Funds to correct an error in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 which eliminated a position out of the incorrect Other Special Revenue Funds account. This initiative increases Other Special Revenue Funds Personal Services allocation by \$16,539 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$17,262 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-57.

7. The next initiative (F-A-1194) on page A-60 transfers one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position from the federal Maine CDC account to the federal Maternal and Child Health account. This initiative corrects a funding error in PL 2023, chapter 17 and places the position in the correct account. This initiative reduces federal allocation by \$110,772 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$116,272 in state fiscal year 2025. The corresponding initiative can also be found on page A-62.

The next initiative (F-A-1194) on page A-60 transfers one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Maternal and Child Health program, Federal Expenditures Fund and adjusts funding for related All Other costs. This initiative corrects a funding error in PL 2023, chapter 17. This initiative reduces Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$101,213 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$106,666 in state fiscal year 2025 and All Other allocation by \$9,559 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$9,606 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-62.

8. This initiative (F-A-7196) on page A-61 establishes three limited-period positions and provides one-time funding for the new Injury and Violence Prevention Program, as previously mentioned. This initiative increases federal allocation by \$224,118 and increases the federal block grant allocation by \$114,935 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-58.

The next initiative (F-A-7196) on page A-61 establishes one limited-period Health Program Manager position and one limited-period Public Health Education III position in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and one limited-period Epidemiologist position in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Block Grant Fund through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also provides one-time All Other funding in the new Injury and Violence Prevention Program, General Fund. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$206,156 and All Other allocation by \$17,962 and increases Federal Block Grant Fund Personal Services allocation by \$105,397 and All Other allocation by \$9,538 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-58.

9. The next initiative (F-A-7371) on page A-61 provides one-time funding for retroactive payment related to the reclassification of one Chemist II position to a Chemist III position approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 17. This initiative provides General Fund Personal Services funding of \$3,807 and increases Other Special Revenue Funds Personal Services allocation by \$2,334 in state fiscal year 2024.

The next initiative (F-A-7371) on page A-61 provides one-time funding for retroactive payment related to the reclassification of one Chemist II position to a Chemist III position approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 17. This initiative provides General Fund Personal Services funding of \$3,807 and increases Other Special Revenue Funds Personal Services allocation by \$2,334 in state fiscal year 2024.

Maternal & Child Health

The next program on page A-62 is **Maternal and Child Health – 0191**. The Maternal and Child Health program is funded through the Federal Maternal Child Health Block Grant under Title V of the Social Security Act. The program provides a variety of direct services and preventive health education programs aimed at improving the health of Maine women, infants, children, and families statewide. In addition to providing direct services, the program assures accessibility to appropriate preventive primary and special health services, especially those with low income and/or limited availability to health services. This program has 3 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-1182) on page A-62 continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner I position previously continued by last year's budget through June 12, 2027. This initiative also transfers the position from the Office of MaineCare Services to the Maternal and Child Health effective January 1, 2025 to conduct home visiting referrals. This initiative increases federal allocation by \$17,656, increases Federal Block Grant Personal Services allocation by \$23,812 and reduces All Other allocation by \$23,812 in state fiscal year 2025.

The first initiative (F-A-1182) on page A-62 continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner I position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also transfers the position from the Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Maternal and Child Health program, Federal Block Grant Fund effective January 1, 2025 and reduces All Other in the Maternal and Child Health program, Federal Block Grant Fund to fund a portion of the position. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$15,876 and All Other allocation by \$1,780 and increases Federal Block Grant Personal Services allocation by \$23,812 and reduces All Other allocation by \$23,812 in state fiscal year 2025.

2. The next initiative (F-A-1194) on page A-62 transfers one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position from the federal Maine CDC account to the federal Maternal and Child Health account. This initiative corrects a funding error in PL 2023, chapter 17 and places the position in the correct account. This initiative increases federal allocation by \$110,772 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$116,272 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-60.

The next initiative (F-A-1194) on page A-62 transfers one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Maternal and Child Health program, Federal Expenditures Fund and adjusts funding for related All Other costs. This initiative corrects a funding error in PL 2023, chapter 17. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund Personal Services allocation by \$101,213 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$106,666 in state fiscal year 2025 and All Other allocation by \$9,559 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$9,606 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on page A-60.

3. The next initiative (F-A-1224) on page A-62 provides federal allocation to align with available resources and eliminate the need for financial orders. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$1,500,000 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-77, A-78, and A-82.

The next initiative (F-A-1224) on page A-62 provides Federal Expenditures Fund and Federal Block Grant Fund allocation to align with available resources. This initiative increases Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$1,500,000 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-77, A-78, and A-82.

Medicaid Services – Developmental Services

The next program on page A-63 is **Medicaid Services – Developmental Services – Z210**. This program ensures a comprehensive system of services and supports to individuals with intellectual disability or autism that is responsive to their needs. Included are planning, promotion, coordination and overall development of a complete and integrated statewide service delivery and support system. This program has 5 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-2145) on page A-63 provides funding for higher-than-expected cost-of-living increases pursuant to MaineCare rate reform for the Intermediate Care Facilities (Section 50), Nursing Facilities (Section 67), and Private Non-Medical Institution Services (Section 97 Appendix C). The Department requested and was funded for 3.38 percent inflation in last year's budget and actual inflation was 4.69 percent. This initiative provides General Fund funding to make up the difference which is \$925,001 in fiscal year 2024 and \$935,811 in fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-65, A-73, and A-84.

The first initiative (F-A-2145) on page A-63 provides funding for higher than expected cost-of-living increases pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50, Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, and Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of

Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$925,001 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$935,811 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-65, A-73, and A-84.

Table 6: Long-term care COLAs

COLA Sect 50, 67, & 97		SFY 2024				SFY 2025			
Approp	Page	010	013	014	Total	010	013	014	Total
Z21050	A-63	\$ 925,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 925,001	\$ 935,811	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 935,811
014701	A-65	\$ 436,541	\$ 927,848	\$ 116,614	\$ 1,481,003	\$ 501,364	\$ 921,332	\$ 58,307	\$ 1,481,003
014801	A-73	\$ 1,025,921	\$ 3,589,382	\$ -	\$ 4,615,303	\$ 1,040,320	\$ 3,564,173	\$ -	\$ 4,604,493
014802	A-73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 196,349	\$ 196,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 196,349	\$ 196,349
Z00901	A-84	\$ 462,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462,570	\$ 462,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462,570
		<u>\$ 2,850,033</u>	<u>\$ 4,517,230</u>	<u>\$ 312,963</u>	<u>\$ 7,680,226</u>	<u>\$ 2,940,065</u>	<u>\$ 4,485,505</u>	<u>\$ 254,656</u>	<u>\$ 7,680,226</u>

2. The next four initiatives on page A-63 are repeat initiatives and summaries can be found in Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 earlier in my testimony.

The next initiative (F-A-7997) on page A-63 adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$929,003 and reduces Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$19,371,502 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, A-65, A-69, A-72, and A-83.

The next initiative (F-A-7998) on page A-63 adjusts funding and rates on a one-time basis to reflect the inclusion of health care services in the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, through January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$929,003 and increases Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$19,371,502 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, A-65, A-69, A-72, and A-83.

The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-63 adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$443,037 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, A-64, A-66, A-69, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-86.

The next initiative (F-A-7996) on page A-63 adjusts funding in the Medicaid dedicated tax accounts and the corresponding General Fund accounts to bring baseline resources in line with the December 2023 Revenue Forecasting Committee recommendations. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$228,675 and increases Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$5,675 in state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-55, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-85.

Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services

The next program on page A-64 is **Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services – Z218**. Neurobehavioral Services, formerly Brain Injury Services, is charged with the ongoing operation and development of a neuro-rehabilitation service system designed to assist, educate and rehabilitate the person with an acquired brain injury to attain and sustain the highest function and self-sufficiency using home-based and community-based treatments, services and resources to the greatest possible degree. This program has 2 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-2142) on page A-64 has already been mentioned. A summary is provided in Table 1.

The first initiative (F-A-2142) on page A-64 provides funding for non-emergency medical transportation due to increased broker rates. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$132,892 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$138,767 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, and A-65.

2. The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-64 is also a repeat initiative. Summary in Table 4.

The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-64 adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$110,075 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, A-63, A-66, A-69, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-86.

Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions

The next program on page A-64 is **Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions – Z217**. This Home and Community Based Waiver target population is adult participants aged 21 and over. This waiver will allow the participants to choose community-based services rather than residing in an institution, such as a nursing facility. The goal of the waiver is to provide a comprehensive array of services to adults with Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, and other related conditions (ORC). Waiver services are provided in provider managed settings and/or the participant's home, other community settings, including employment settings. This program has 2 initiatives.

1. The first initiative (F-A-2142) on page A-64 has already been covered. There's a summary in Table 1.

The first initiative (F-A-2142) on page A-64 provides funding for non-emergency medical transportation due to increased broker rates. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$1,817 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$1,898 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, and A-65.

2. The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-64 is a repeat initiative. A summary is in Table 4.

Medical Care – Payments to Providers

The next program on page A-65 is **Medical Care – Payments to Providers – 0147**. This program funds Medicaid services administered by the Office of MaineCare Services. This program has 15 initiatives.

1. The four initiatives on page A-65 have already been covered. Summaries are provided in tables earlier in my testimony.

The first initiative (F-A-7997) on page A-65 adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$3,151,264, reduces Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$15,221,316 and reduces Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$12,456,722 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, A-63, A-64, A-69, A-72, and A-83.

The next initiative (F-A-7998) on page A-65 adjusts funding and rates on a one-time basis to reflect the inclusion of health care services in the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, through January 1, 2025, as enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXX. This initiative reduces General Fund All Other funding by \$3,151,264, increases Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$15,221,316 and increases Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$12,456,722 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, A-63, A-69, A-72, and A-83.

The next initiative (F-A-2142) on page A-65 provides funding for non-emergency medical transportation due to increased broker rates. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$307,149 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$299,179 in state fiscal year 2025, increases Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$5,035,229 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$5,029,181 in state fiscal year 2025 and reduces Federal Block Grant Fund All Other allocation by \$94,551 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$95,040 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, and A-64.

The next initiative (F-A-2145) on page A-65 provides funding for higher than expected cost-of-living increases pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50, Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, and Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$436,541 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$501,364 in state fiscal year 2025, increases Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$927,848 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$921,332 in state fiscal year 2025, and increases Other Special Revenue Funds All Other allocation by \$116,614 in state fiscal year 2024 and \$58,307 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-63, A-73, and A-84 and will impact adult mental health and substance use disorder.

5. The second initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-66 is a repeat initiative. Summary in Table 4.

The next initiative (F-A-2147) on page A-66 adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$8,940,537, reduces Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$14,214,961, reduces Federal Block Grant Fund All Other allocation by \$19,261, and increases Fund for a Healthy Maine All Other allocation by \$377,244 in state fiscal year 2025. This initiative can also be found on pages A-54, A-55, A-63, A-64, A-69, A-72, A-73, A-83, and A-86.

6. The third initiative (F-A-2152) on page A-66 provides funding for a new comprehensive foster child assessment service per Public Law 2019, chapter 162. The Department was not appropriated any funding when this law was passed. This initiative provides General Fund of \$339,478, increases federal allocation by \$543,013 and increases block grant allocation by \$26,750 in state fiscal year 2025.

The next initiative (F-A-2152) on page A-66 provides funding for a new comprehensive foster child assessment service in the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 23, Developmental and Behavioral Clinic Services pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 162. This initiative provides General Fund All Other funding of \$339,478, increases Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation by \$543,013 and increases Federal Block Grant Fund allocation by \$26,750 in state fiscal year 2025.

7. The next initiative (F-A-2155) on page A-66 adjusts funding in the Medical Care – Payments to Providers program between the General Fund and Other Special Revenue due to rebasing the hospital tax year from fiscal year 2020 to 2022, updating the tax rate applied to acute care hospitals from 2.23% to 3.25%, and eliminating the hospital tax for critical access hospitals.