



DMAS Legislative/Budget Processes

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DMAS Legislative Role

- DMAS is an Executive Branch Agency within the Health and Human Resources Secretariat
- DMAS coordinates legislative interactions with HHR Secretary and Governor's staff to align with Governor priorities
- DMAS' legislative staff are available to assist you with legislative and policy technical assistance and constituent assistance.

DMAS Legislative Role

- Monitor introduced legislation
- Review legislation and budget language for Secretary and Governor.
- Make position recommendations to Secretary and Governor
- Communicate Governor's positions to General Assembly
- Provide expert testimony and technical assistance to legislators on legislation
- Assist the Secretary and Governor in developing the Governor's introduced budget
- Work with Senate Finance and House Appropriations staff to provide technical assistance on budget amendments

Medicaid Related Legislation Development

- Common types of legislation/budget amendments
 - Changing eligibility criteria for a specific population
 - Covering a new benefit or service
 - Requiring a study or report on a new initiative or ongoing operation
 - Expanding an existing service
 - Changes to provider reimbursement rates

Medicaid Related Legislation Development

- Questions to assist you when developing legislation or budget amendments regarding Medicaid:
 - Does this require a legislative solution?
 - Does this require both state and federal authority (YES!)
 - Will there be a budget impact?
 - What operational changes will be required, particularly on state IT systems?
 - Will it require contract changes with managed care organizations?

Technical Assistance

DMAS is available to provide you with technical assistance during this process.

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