



Highlights of Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts for Health and Human Services - 2012

AHCCCS (Health care)

- Eliminate up to 280,000 more people from coverage – the so-called 204 population which is voter mandated population from the November 2000 election including all adults without minor children at home. All these individuals must be below 100% of the poverty level and not have any substantial assets making them unable to obtain health care coverage in the open market. 12,000 children would be impacted by this proposal. They most likely will go without coverage and go to emergency rooms when very ill and in need of care.
- These cuts could eliminate up to 42,000 thousand jobs according to the Arizona Hospital and Health Care Association study. There could be significant health care system impacts with loss of health care capacity.
- KidsCare - Continued cuts from the last two years include elimination 9,000 parents and 30,000 children from KidsCare because of the continuing enrollment freeze.
- Continued provider cuts of 10% with another proposed provider cut of 5% which actually begins April 1, 2011.

Department of Health Services (DHS) (Behavioral Health and public health services)

- 5,200 individuals with serious mental illness are in jeopardy of losing their health care along with 29,000 more people in the general mental health and substance abuse categories.
- Continued cuts include elimination of all services but medication for 14,000 individuals from July 2010.
- Continued cuts include elimination of all state funding for community health centers used to support sliding fee schedule services for low income families without or with limited health care coverage eliminating services for up to 5,000 families.
- Continued cuts include co-payments imposed on many groups of individuals receiving mental health services, severely curtailing and limiting services to thousands more people.
- Continued cuts include elimination of state support of adult vaccinations.
- Elimination of Children Rehabilitation Services to 2,700 enrolled children eligible for state only services.
- Continued reductions in the Senior Food Program – eliminating food boxes for thousands of seniors.

Department of Economic Security (DES) (Health, human, and social services)

- The Governor's budget reduces DES by another \$91 million continuing many prior cuts. The Department has indicated to stakeholders that no further services reductions will be necessary.
- However, severe budget reductions for the past two years will continue including:
 - 47% reduction in TANF cash recipients based on eligibility limitations, loss of 10,000 to 12,000 families and 20,000 children for Arizona's poorest families. This includes a 20% reduction in cash payments to families. There is a documented increase in family homelessness recently most likely in part as result of these changes.
 - Continuation of not investigating 100% of Child Protective and Adult Protective Services referrals leaving many children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect.
 - In-home family services were eliminated for 4,000 families needing child protective and family support services.
 - Continuation of reductions in substance abuse treatment to 1,400 individuals in the CPS system resulting in longer stays in foster care and longer permanency planning.
 - Continuation of reductions in foster care parents support payments by 20%.
 - Continuation of reductions in independent living payments to former foster children limiting their ability to be launched into self-reliance and independence.
 - Continuation of reduction of 18,000 children receiving child care support putting children at risk and stopping their parents from working.
 - Continuation of the elimination of General Assistance, a bridge to SSI/SSDI, for 1,500 people with disabilities resulting in more homelessness and general dependency.
 - Continuation of the waiting list for vocational rehabilitation services for 1,100 individuals hoping to become independent and self-reliant.



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY reductions in the past two years - continued

- Continuation of reduction of \$1.3 dollars in domestic violence shelter services resulting in turning away women seeking safety from violence over 1,600 women could be turned away from shelters.
- Continuation of reductions in homeless shelter emergency services for 1,100 individuals.
- Continuation of the 10% reduction in provider rates for programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities with new imposition of co-payments for low income families severely limiting access to services.
- Continuation of the elimination of state only supports services for children and adults with developmental disabilities throwing 300 children and 400 adults off services.
- Continuation of the elimination of independent living supports for 450 older Arizonans leaving these elders at risk of institutionalization, hospitalization or other similar bad consequences.
- Continuation of the elimination of lifespan respite care funding which eliminates services for 130 caregivers annually.
- Continuation of the elimination of the \$75 monthly grandparent kinship care stipend for 100 grandparents caring for grandchildren.

Department of Housing The Department of Housing has been reduced to a pass through agency for federal funds. Over \$52 million dollars have been "swept" to fund general government leaving eviction prevention and homeless and low income programs scrambling for funding.

Details of the proposed GOVERNOR'S Budget Reductions: go to: <http://www.ospb.state.az.us/Budbooks.asp>

FOR DETAILS on the past two years of budget cuts go to: <http://www.pafcoalition.org/budget/>

For more details on proposed reductions to children and family services from Children's Action Alliance go to: http://www.azchildren.org/MyFiles/11leg/gov_budget_fy12.pdf
