

Maintenance Level

Agency:

107 Health Care Authority on Behalf of the Health Benefit Exchange

Decision Package Code/Title:

ML-HD HBE PEBB Funding Rate Adjustment

Agency RecSum:

Funding is requested to continue coverage at the new benefit rates set in the 2019-21 enacted budget. While Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) employees are not public employees, they receive public employee benefits through the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB).

Fiscal detail:

Operating Expenditures	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
17T-1 HBEA	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
001-C GF-Federal	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Total Expenditures	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Biennial Totals	\$80,000		\$80,000	
Staffing	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
FTEs	0	0	0	0
Average Annual	0		0	
Object of Expenditure	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
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Revenue	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
17T-1 HBEA	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
001-C GF-Federal	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Total Revenue	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Biennial Totals	\$80,000		\$80,000	

Package Description

What is the problem, opportunity or priority you are addressing with the request?

In the enacted budget for the 2019-21 biennium, the PEBB funding rate increased to \$976. However, the Exchange's appropriation remained unchanged.

What is your proposal?

Ongoing Funding is requested to align the PEBB funding rate for the Health Benefit Exchange with that of state agencies and continue coverage at the new benefit rates established for the 2019-21 biennium.

How is your proposal impacting equity in the state?

By funding this request, the Exchange will be able to continue support nearly 25% of Washington's residents without having to reduce other operational areas.

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What are you purchasing and how does it solve the problem?

This request funds the increased employer contribution established in the 2019-21 biennial budget for staff benefits. This corrects a technical error from when the appropriation was provided to state agencies but missed for the Exchange.

What alternatives did you explore and why was this option chosen?

None

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion or alteration of a current program or service

This is not an alteration or expansion of a current program or service.

Detailed assumptions and calculations

This is a technical correction to align the Exchange's funding rate with the budget step included in the governor's proposed budget from the 2020 legislative session.

Workforce assumptions

No new FTEs are requested with this request.

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic framework

This decision package supports the Governor's goal of healthy and safe communities by benefiting over 1 in 4 Washington residents served through the Exchange, including over 1.6 million Medicaid enrollees and around 200,000 Qualified Health Plan enrollees.

Performance outcomes

By funding the increased costs associated with public employees' benefits, the Exchange will be able to continue supporting Washington's residents.

Other supporting materials

Copies of the Advanced Planning Documents (APDs) have been previously provided to Health Care Authority (HCA), Office of Financial Management (OFM), the House and Senate.

Other Collateral Connections

Intergovernmental

None

Legal or administrative mandates

None

Changes from current law

None

State workforce impacts

None

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State facilities impacts

None

Puget Sound recovery

None

Other supporting materials

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Stakeholder response

None

Information technology (IT)

ABS will pose the question below for *each* DP. If the answer is yes, you will be prompted to attach an IT addendum. (See Chapter 10 of the budget instructions for additional requirements.)

Information Technology

Does this DP include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Yes

Please download the [IT-addendum](#) and follow the directions on the bottom of the addendum to meet requirements for OCIO review. After completing the IT addendum, please upload the document to continue.

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