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OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES *Administering the Children's Services Act*

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #22-05

TO: CSA Coordinators
CPMT Chairs

FROM: Scott Reiner, Executive Director

RE: CSA-related Items in the State Budget (Appropriation Act, Chapter 2)

DATE: June 27, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Scott Reiner'.

The Governor has now signed the Appropriation Act (state budget) for the upcoming biennium that begins July 1, 2022. The following information addresses actions in the Act that impact CSA.

1. There was no change in the base allocation for the CSA state pool. The OCS Business and Finance Manager will be calculating the local pool allocations, as well as the protected (non-mandated) and the Special Education Wraparound amounts in the next few weeks and will be releasing these in early July.
2. There was a \$500,000 increase in the allocation supporting local CSA administrative funds (from \$2,060,000 to \$2,560,000). As with item 1. above, those allocations will be determined in the next few weeks and distributed. At that time, you will be able to process your FY2023 local administrative funds requests.
3. The language (Item 284. E. in the new budget) that previously required actions for claims for non-payment of parental co-payments to be referred to the Division of Child Support Enforcement or the Office of the Attorney General has been removed. The new language only requires that the Office of Children's Services shall be made a party to any such co-payment agreement. Local debt collection practices may be employed to seek recovery.
4. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities were granted an 8.89% increase from their currently established Medicaid rates. This will impact CSA-funded placements (non-Medicaid) as well as the local Medicaid match for such placements.
5. Certain Medicaid rates for community-based behavioral health services will continue the 12.5% rate increase that was initiated in FY2021. CSA typically matches rates for the same services with those authorized by Medicaid.

6. Foster care maintenance rates (room and board, clothing, monthly allowance, and the supplemental clothing allowance, not enhanced maintenance) will increase by 5% effective July 1, 2022. This reflects the previous year's increase to state employee salaries, which then requires an increase in maintenance rates.
7. The language regarding the DBHDS/CSB Mental Health Initiative funds has been changed (see Item 313. I. to read that: "The Community Services Boards shall develop a Mental Health Initiative funding plan in collaboration with the local Family and Assessment Planning Teams and/or Community Policy and Management Team. The funding plan shall be approved by the Community Policy and Management Teams of the localities."

Thanks for your attention to these items. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.