

ECONOMIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Access to Healthplanfinder



2016 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

ML Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
GF-State	\$111,000	\$94,000	\$205,000
Total	\$222,000	\$187,000	\$409,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Economic Services Administration (ESA) requests \$409,000 (\$205,000 GF-State) to reimburse the Health Benefit Exchange (HBE) for access to Washington Healthplanfinder (HPF) in order to comply with Legislative direction for ESA Community Services Division (CSD) staff to assist clients with obtaining Medicaid eligibility in local CSD offices.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

DSHS must pay a portion of one-time and on-going maintenance costs to HBE for the upgrade to the HPF system to accommodate 2,000 additional users. Additionally, all CSD users of the HPF system must have a background check completed with the Washington State Patrol.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

ESA requests funding to comply with legislative direction to streamline the process by which ESA clients become eligible for Medicaid by giving 2,000 CSD staff access to the HPF system to assist them, and to comply with associated security standards and training requirements.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The budget request supports the one-time costs for infrastructure upgrades (\$5,000 total funds in Fiscal Year 2016) and mandatory background checks (\$29,000 in FY16 and \$4,000 in FY17 and beyond) as well as the on-going annual costs for maintenance and user support provided by HBE (\$183,000 per year). HBE will also provide training for CSD staff accessing HPF. It is expected that by allowing CSD staff to enroll clients in HPF, DSHS would increase its federal Medicaid earnings.



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STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Health Care Authority and HBE support this proposal in order to comply with legislative direction for CSD staff to streamline the eligibility process to include the facilitation of Medicaid eligibility in local CSD offices.



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