

## **MCOA Briefs: To the Membership — FY10 Budget Cuts**

Today the Governor released his proposals to right size the FY10 Budget. Details below.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> the Governor certified that income receipts for FY10 were projected to be \$600 million lower than budgeted. His fiduciary responsibility is to maintain a balanced budget and accordingly Governor Patrick used his '9c' powers to further reduce FY10 spending.

\$7.1 million was reduced from Elder Affairs line items (excluding Mass Health); primarily from 3 sources:

- \$5.6 million from Prescription Advantage
- \$1million from Protective Service
- \$500,000 from Line Item #9110-9002 – Local Aid to Councils on Aging. This amounts coincides with funding for the Incentive Grant Program for 'new initiatives' – existing incentive grants for consortia, transportation, and associations are not effected. The \$7/elder/YEAR Formula Grant stands. MCOA will be pushing for immediate release of the first half of those funds.

The Governor made no cuts to local aid or Chapter 70 – Education funding.

For more details about his plan to close the gap go to

[http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3pressrelease&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Agov3&b=pressrelease&f=102909\\_closing\\_budget\\_gap&csid=Agov3](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3pressrelease&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Agov3&b=pressrelease&f=102909_closing_budget_gap&csid=Agov3)

The Governor, Secretary Bigby and Secretary Hartstein should all be thanked for keeping the elder service 'cuts to a minimum'.

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The next 're-evaluation' of state spending is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>. If the budget is again out of balance it will need to be cut/ '9c' again- stay tuned

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To: Advocates  
Fr: Al Norman

The good news is that the total 9c cuts to direct services programs in the Elder Affairs budget comes to roughly \$7.1 million. The Home care program and care management were spared any further cuts. This is in large measure due to the publicity given to the home care waiting lists and current cuts already in progress.

The big loser is Prescription Advantage, which takes about 79% of the cuts. Protective Services takes the second biggest loss, at 14% of the cuts.

The major cut this afternoon from home care related services on the Governor's 9c list came from the projective services line item, 9110-1636. PS will lose \$1.003 million under the Governor's plan. The PS appropriation will drop from \$16.252 million to \$15.252 million.

FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET SUMMARY (\$000) After 9c Cuts

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FY2010 Conference</u>	<u>FY2010 Vetoed</u>	<u>FY2010 GAA</u>	<u>October 9c Budget Reductions</u>
<u>4000-0600</u> MassHealth Senior Care	2,139,611	-25,000	2,114,611	0
<u>4000-0640</u> MassHealth Nursing Home Supplemental Rates	288,500	0	288,500	0
<u>9110-0100</u> Department of Elder Affairs Administration	2,120	0	2,120	-21
<u>9110-1455</u> Prescription Advantage	40,000	0	40,000	-5,608
<u>9110-1500</u> Elder Enhanced Home Care Services Program	45,789	0	45,789	0
<u>9110-1604</u> Supportive Senior Housing Program	4,015	0	4,015	0
<u>9110-1630</u> Elder Home Care Purchased Services	100,307	0	100,307	-2
<u>9110-1633</u> Elder Home Care Case Management and Administration	37,568	-1,500	36,068	0
<u>9110-1636</u> Elder Protective Services	16,252	0	16,252	-1,003
<u>9110-1660</u> Congregate Housing Program	1,504	0	1,504	0
<u>9110-1700</u> Residential Placement for Homeless Elders	136	0	136	0
<u>9110-1900</u> Elder Nutrition Program	6,280	0	6,280	-2
<u>9110-9002</u> Grants to Councils on Aging	8,615	0	8,615	-500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,690,697</b>	<b>-26,500</b>	<b>2,664,197</b>	<b>-7,136</b>

**The Governor's 9C budget cuts are out.**

**Prescription Advantage was reduced by \$5,608,000. The final budget for FY10 was \$40 million. The first indications are that the premium assistance will be eliminated. Program changes will most likely take place for January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**EOEA is planning to pull together advocates to talk about the impact of this cut on the program and enrollees. As soon as I have a date/time, I'll let you know.**

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