



State of Rhode Island
Caseload Estimating Conference

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate
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Date: May 16, 2025

Subject: **May 2025 Caseload Estimating Conference**

SUMMARY

The Caseload Estimating Conference convened on May 5, 2025, in an open public meeting to estimate cash assistance caseload, costs for private community providers serving individuals with developmental disabilities, and medical assistance expenditures for FY 2025 and FY 2026.

The Conference heard an update on the RI Bridges data breach. Compared to the November 2024 Caseload Estimating Conference, the adopted estimate for FY 2025 increases funding by \$25.1 million to \$4,179.3 million. This includes \$20.5 million more for Medical Assistance, \$2.4 million less for cash assistance, and \$7.0 million more for community-based services for adults with developmental disabilities.

For FY 2026, the conferees adopted total expenses of \$4,479.3 million, which is \$8.6 million less than the November consensus. This includes \$22.6 million less for medical assistance, \$6.9 million more for cash

assistance, and \$11.9 million more for community-based services for adults with developmental disabilities. Revisions to the November medical assistance estimates reflect updated enrollment and cost trends and delayed initiatives. Expenditures for child care assistance and services for developmentally disabled adults are revised consistent with historical trends. General revenue expenditures are expected to total \$1,638.7 million, an increase of \$1.0 million compared to the November estimate.

The following table summarizes the adopted estimates.

May 2025 Consensus Caseload Estimates	FY2025 Nov CEC	FY2025 May CEC	Change to Nov CEC	FY2026 Nov CEC	FY2026 May CEC	Change to Nov CEC
Cash Assistance						
All Funds	\$ 125,684,017	\$ 123,318,467	\$ (2,365,551)	\$ 130,232,860	\$ 132,317,756	\$ 2,084,896
General Revenues	\$ 28,666,774	\$ 28,678,997	\$ 12,223	\$ 28,772,178	\$ 28,804,158	\$ 31,980
Private Community Developmentally Disabled Services						
All Funds	\$ 431,747,564	\$ 438,727,741	\$ 6,980,177	\$ 440,598,719	\$ 452,523,418	\$ 11,924,699
General Revenues	\$ 191,588,574	\$ 194,791,631	\$ 3,203,057	\$ 190,217,319	\$ 194,720,018	\$ 4,502,699
Medial Assistance						
All Funds	\$ 3,596,738,872	\$ 3,617,238,872	\$ 20,500,000	\$ 3,917,038,872	\$ 3,894,438,872	\$ (22,600,000)
General Revenues	\$ 1,331,205,602	\$ 1,339,773,272	\$ 8,567,670	\$ 1,418,653,511	\$ 1,415,164,558	\$ (3,488,953)
CEC Consensus Total						
All Funds	\$ 4,154,170,453	\$ 4,179,285,080	\$ 25,114,626	\$ 4,487,870,451	\$ 4,479,280,046	\$ (8,590,405)
General Revenues	\$ 1,551,460,951	\$ 1,563,243,900	\$ 11,782,949	\$ 1,637,643,008	\$ 1,638,688,734	\$ 1,045,726

Cash Assistance

Cash assistance programs for FY 2025 are estimated to total \$123.3 million, a decrease of \$2.4 million from the November consensus. Activities funded by general revenues are estimated to be \$28.7 million, \$12,223 more than the November consensus.

FY 2026 expenditures are estimated to total \$132.3 million, \$2.1 million more than the November consensus. For FY 2026, general revenues are estimated at \$28.8 million, or \$31,980 more than the November Conference estimate.

Rhode Island Works

The conferees project a caseload of 9,415 at an average monthly cost of \$288.23 in FY 2025, which is 15 individuals more than the November consensus estimate and a \$6.77 decrease in monthly cost. For FY 2026, the conferees adopt a caseload of 9,875 at an average monthly cost of \$298.00, which is 175 more individuals than adopted in November and a \$2.50 lower monthly cost. Expenditures for Rhode Island Works, including monthly bus passes and other supportive services, total \$34.7 million for FY 2025 and \$37.6 million for FY 2026. Program expenses are funded entirely by the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.

Child Care Assistance

The FY 2025 caseload estimate for child care assistance includes \$70.1 million to provide 6,324 children with subsidized care at an average yearly cost of \$11,077 per subsidy. The revised estimate assumes use of \$59.9 million from federal block grant funds and \$10.1 million from general revenues. Projected program expenses are anticipated to decrease by \$1.6 million from the November consensus based on updated enrollment data. The estimate also reflects projections related to the Child Care for Child Care Workers Pilot, which provides free child care to individuals working for an eligible provider.

For FY 2026, program costs are estimated to be \$75.8 million, for 6,578 subsidies at an average yearly cost of \$11,524 per subsidy. This represents 78 more subsidies and \$134.00 more per subsidy than adopted in

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November to account for the Child Care for Child Care Worker pilot, and rate increases established in the FY2025 Budget as Enacted. The estimate assumes \$65.9 million from federal block grant funds and \$9.9 million from general revenues. The total cost is \$1.8 million more than the November consensus.

May 2025 Consensus Caseload Estimates	FY 2025 May CEC	Change to Nov. CEC	FY2026 Nov CEC	FY 2026 May CEC	Change to Nov CEC
Rhode Island Works					
Persons	9,415	15	9,700	9,875	175
Monthly Cost per Person	\$ 288.23	\$ (6.77)	\$ 300.50	\$ 298.00	\$ (2.50)
Cash Payments	\$ 32,564,225	\$ (711,775)	\$ 34,978,200	\$ 35,313,000	\$ 334,800
Monthly Bus Passes	\$ 511,093	\$ (4,147)	\$ 531,620	\$ 536,064	\$ 4,444
Supportive Services	\$ 935,000	\$ (45,000)	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ (25,000)
Clothing - Children	\$ 698,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 780,000	\$ 750,000	\$ (30,000)
Catastrophic	\$ 1,000	\$ (800)	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,200	\$ (1,200)
Total Costs (TANF)	\$ 34,709,319	\$ (748,721)	\$ 37,317,220	\$ 37,600,264	\$ 283,044
Child Care					
Subsidies	6,324	(76)	6,500	6,578	78
Annual Cost per Subsidy	\$ 11,077	\$ (123)	\$ 11,390	\$ 11,524	\$ 134
Total Costs	\$ 70,050,948	\$ (1,629,052)	\$ 74,035,000	\$ 75,804,872	\$ 1,769,872
Federal Funds	\$ 59,930,151	\$ (1,629,052)	\$ 64,143,462	\$ 65,913,334	\$ 1,769,872
General Revenue	\$ 10,120,797	\$ -	\$ 9,891,538	\$ 9,891,538	\$ -
SSI					
Persons	30,757	102	30,700	30,757	57
Monthly Cost per Person	\$ 45.00	\$ (50.09)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -
Cash Payments	\$ 16,608,780	\$ 21,973	\$ 16,578,000	\$ 16,608,780	\$ 30,780
Transaction Fees	\$ 65,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 12,000
Total Costs	\$ 16,673,780	\$ 26,973	\$ 16,638,000	\$ 16,680,780	\$ 42,780
GPA					
Persons	638	(12)	790	780	(10)
Monthly Cost per Person	\$ 162.15	\$ 2.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 169.00	\$ 1.00
Total Payments	\$ 1,241,420	\$ (7,750)	\$ 1,592,640	\$ 1,581,840	\$ (10,800)
Burials	\$ 643,000	\$ (7,000)	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ -
Total Costs	\$ 1,884,420	\$ (14,750)	\$ 2,242,640	\$ 2,231,840	\$ (10,800)
Cash Assistance Total					
Total Costs	\$ 123,318,467	\$ (2,365,551)	\$ 130,232,860	\$ 132,317,756	\$ 2,084,896
Federal Funds	\$ 94,639,470	\$ (2,377,773)	\$ 101,460,682	\$ 103,513,598	\$ 2,052,916
General Revenue	\$ 28,678,997	\$ 12,223	\$ 28,772,178	\$ 28,804,158	\$ 31,980

Supplemental Security Income

The caseload for the Supplemental Security Income program is estimated to be 30,757 persons in FY 2025 and FY 2026. The estimated monthly cost per person is \$45.00 in each year for total funding of \$16.7 million from general revenues in FY 2025 and FY 2026, inclusive of transaction costs.

General Public Assistance

For FY 2025, the Conference assumes 638 individuals at a monthly cost of \$162.15, which is 12 fewer individuals than November and a \$2.00 lower monthly cost. The FY 2026 estimate assumes 780 individuals at \$169.00 per month; this is \$10,800 less than the November consensus and assumes 10 fewer participants at a \$1.00 additional monthly cost. Total costs for burials are estimated to be \$643,000 in FY 2025, and \$650,000 in FY 2026. Total expenditures for payments in FY 2025 and FY 2026 are estimated to be \$1.9 million and \$2.2 million, respectively.

Private Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

The Conference projects total costs for private services for individuals with developmental disabilities of \$438.7 million in FY 2025, including \$243.9 million from federal funds and \$194.8 million from general revenues. This is \$7.0 million more than the adopted estimates from the November Conference, including \$3.2 million more from general revenues.

For FY 2026, the Conference projects spending of \$452.5 million, including \$257.8 million from federal funds and \$194.7 million from general revenues. This is \$11.9 million more than the November estimate, including \$4.5 million more from general revenues. The following subsections describe the service categories selected for estimating purposes. Of note, the estimates for FY 2025 and FY 2026 are provided in two separate tables to capture updated categories and their groupings in FY 2026. The updates reflect changes resulting from new rates and billing structure.

May 2025 Consensus Caseload Estimates FY2025 Categories	FY2025 Nov. CEC	FY2025 May CEC	Change to Nov. CEC
Residential & Community Based Services			
Residential Habilitation	\$ 212,800,000	\$ 205,900,000	\$ (6,900,000)
Day Program	\$ 150,000,000	\$ 162,900,000	\$ 12,900,000
Case Management and Other Support Services	\$ 8,700,000	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 8,300,000
Support Services Expansion*	\$ 4,200,000	\$ -	\$ (4,200,000)
Transportation	\$ 14,600,000	\$ 14,800,000	\$ 200,000
RIPTA Contract	\$ 2,310,800	\$ 2,310,800	\$ -
Subtotal Costs	\$ 392,610,800	\$ 402,910,800	\$ 10,300,000
Other Services			
Employment	\$ 9,800,000	\$ 7,100,000	\$ (2,700,000)
Targeted Employment	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 800,000	\$ (2,300,000)
L9 Supplemental Funding	\$ 24,000,000	\$ 25,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
DD State Subsidies	\$ 23,506	\$ 16,941	\$ (6,565)
Non-Medicaid Placements	\$ 2,213,258	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 486,742
Subtotal Costs	\$ 39,136,764	\$ 35,816,941	\$ (3,319,823)
Developmental Disabilities Total			
Total Costs	\$ 431,747,564	\$ 438,727,741	\$ 6,980,177
Federal Funds	\$ 240,158,990	\$ 243,936,110	\$ 3,777,120
General Revenue	\$ 191,588,574	\$ 194,791,631	\$ 3,203,057
<i>*Support Services Expansion is no longer being estimated as a category</i>			

May 2025 Consensus Caseload Estimates	FY2026 Nov.	FY2026 May	Change to Nov.
FY2026 Categories	CEC	CEC	CEC
Fixed Authorization Services			
Residential Habilitation - Non L-9	\$ 218,200,000	\$ 210,200,000	\$ (8,000,000)
Residential Habilitation - L9 Supplemental	\$ 15,600,000	\$ 18,600,000	\$ 3,000,000
Subtotal Costs	\$ 233,800,000	\$ 228,800,000	\$ (5,000,000)
Flexible and Add-On Authorization Services			
Community-Based Supports	\$ 147,600,000	\$ 166,800,000	\$ 19,200,000
Day Program	\$ 7,800,000	\$ 8,400,000	\$ 600,000
Employment	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 7,500,000	\$ (3,300,000)
Transportation	\$ 15,500,000	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 500,000
Professional and Other Supports	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 1,500,000
Subtotal Costs	\$ 199,200,000	\$ 217,700,000	\$ 18,500,000
Contract and Non-Medicaid Services			
Transformation Phase III	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ (600,000)
Contract Transportation	\$ 2,310,800	\$ 2,310,800	\$ -
DD State Subsidies	\$ 22,520	\$ 12,618	\$ (9,902)
Non-Medicaid Placements	\$ 2,165,399	\$ 1,200,000	\$ (965,399)
Subtotal Costs	\$ 7,598,719	\$ 6,023,418	\$ (1,575,301)
Developmental Disabilities Total			
Total Costs	\$ 440,598,719	\$ 452,523,418	\$ 11,924,699
Federal Funds	\$ 250,381,400	\$ 257,803,400	\$ 7,422,000
General Revenue	\$ 190,217,319	\$ 194,720,018	\$ 4,502,699

Residential Habilitation

Residential habilitation includes congregate and non-congregate living supports. FY 2025 residential habilitation expenditures are estimated to be \$205.9 million, which is \$6.9 million less than the November estimate. Beginning in FY 2026, the residential habilitation estimate is broken out into standard and L9 supplemental estimates based on the type of authorization used for the provision of the service. Previously, the residential L9 supplemental estimate was reflected within the overall L9 Supplemental Funding estimate, which is no longer used effective FY 2026. FY 2026 standard residential habilitation expenditures are estimated at \$210.2 million, which is \$8.0 million less than the November estimate, and L9 supplemental expenditures are estimated to be \$18.6 million, an increase of \$3.0 million as compared to the November estimate. The combined total for residential expenditures is \$228.8 million, which is \$5.0 million less than the November estimate.

Community-Based Supports

Community-Based Supports is a newly defined category beginning in FY 2026, capturing services offered at community-based day programs including the provision of education and training. Previously, estimates for these services were reflected in the Day Program estimate. The Conference estimates \$166.8 million for FY 2026, an increase of \$19.2 million as compared to the November estimate.

Day Program

Day program captures services offered at center-based day programs, including the provision of education and training. The FY 2025 Day Program estimate captures expenditures for community-based and professional services, which are separated into other respective categories beginning in FY 2026. Day Program expenditures are estimated at \$162.9 million in FY 2025, \$12.9 million more than the November estimate. FY 2026 expenditures are estimated at \$8.4 million, \$0.6 million more than the November estimate.

Case Management and Other Support Services/Professional and Other Supports

This category represents the remaining assorted services an individual can receive, including, but not limited to, attendant care, home modifications, assistive technology, and support facilitation. Beginning in FY 2026, this category is renamed to “Professional and Other Supports” and will capture the provision of professional services such as medical and psychiatric care as well as new services, including remote supports. For FY 2025, the Conference estimates \$17.0 million, an increase of \$8.3 million as compared to the November estimate. For FY 2026, the Conference estimates \$19.0 million, an increase of \$1.5 million from the November estimate.

Employment

Employment captures services such as job assessment and development, job coaching, and job retention for adults with developmental disabilities. For FY 2025, the Conference estimates \$7.1 million for employment services, which is \$2.7 million less than the November estimate. FY 2026 expenditures are estimated to be \$7.5 million, which is \$3.3 million less than the November consensus.

Targeted Employment/Transformation Phase III

Targeted Employment represents a pool of funding that will be granted to providers based on submitted proposals to increase employment outcomes for the caseload population. This category is renamed to “Transformation Phase III” beginning in FY 2026. The Conference estimates \$800,000 in FY 2025, a decrease of \$2.3 million as compared to the November estimate. FY 2026 expenditures are estimated to be \$2.5 million, a decrease of \$0.6 million as compared to the November estimate.

Transportation

The transportation service category provides funding for transportation for individuals to and from employment and day program activities. Transportation costs are estimated to be \$14.8 million in FY 2025, which represents an increase of \$0.2 million from the November estimate. In addition to the estimate for transportation day activity, the Conference includes \$2.3 million in funds for transportation services provided by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA). For FY 2026, the Conference estimates \$16.0 million, an increase of \$0.5 million from the November estimate, and includes \$2.3 million for RIPTA expenses.

L9 Supplemental Funding

The Conference estimates \$25.2 million for L9 Supplemental Funding in FY 2025, which is \$1.2 million more than the November estimate. Beginning in FY2026, L9 Supplemental Funding is not adopted as an independent category, and instead the estimated L9 supplemental expenses for each service category will be reincorporated under that category’s estimate. The sole exception to this is Residential L9 supplemental funding, which is adopted independently of standard Residential expenses.

Non-Medicaid Funded

This category includes items that are not currently eligible to receive Medicaid. The Conference estimates \$2.7 million in FY 2025, an increase of \$0.5 million as compared to the November estimate. The estimate includes \$16,941 in monthly stipend payments to family caregivers of individuals who formerly resided at the Ladd Center. In FY 2026, the Conference estimates \$1.2 million, a decrease of \$1.0 million as compared to the November estimate. The estimate includes \$12,618 in monthly stipend payments to family caregivers of individuals who formerly resided at the Ladd Center.

Medical Assistance

The Conference projects total medical assistance spending of \$3,617.2 million in FY 2025, including \$2,269.0 million from federal funds, \$1,339.8 million from general revenues, and \$8.5 million from restricted receipts. This is \$20.5 million more than the November consensus, including \$8.6 million more from general revenues.

For FY 2026, the Conference projects spending of \$3,894.4 million including \$2,471.9 million from federal funds, \$1,415.2 million from general revenues, and \$7.4 million from restricted receipts. This estimate is \$22.6 million less than November with decreases of \$18.2 million from federal funds, \$3.5 million from general revenues and \$1.0 million from restricted receipts.

Estimates for both fiscal years reflect a further delay in implementing The Work Number (TWN) income verification initiative from April 2025 to August 2025. The original start date assumed with the FY 2025 budget was September 2024. The May estimate excludes \$8.2 million in projected savings for FY 2025 contained in the November consensus. It includes projected savings of \$25.3 million in FY 2026, which is \$3.8 million more than the November estimate.

May 2025 Consensus Caseload Estimates	FY2025 May CEC	Change to Nov CEC	FY2026 May CEC	Change to Nov. CEC
Hospitals				
Regular	\$ 346,900,000	\$ (4,500,000)	\$ 369,700,000	\$ (800,000)
Disproportionate Share	\$ 27,638,872	\$ 5,900,000	\$ 21,738,872	\$ -
Total Costs	\$ 374,538,872	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 391,438,872	\$ (800,000)
Long Term Care				
Nursing and Hospice Care	\$ 425,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 474,700,000	\$ 6,900,000
Home and Community Care	\$ 248,600,000	\$ 20,100,000	\$ 302,300,000	\$ 31,800,000
Total Costs	\$ 673,600,000	\$ 24,100,000	\$ 777,000,000	\$ 38,700,000
Managed Care and Acute Care Services				
Managed Care	\$ 1,037,600,000	\$ (20,900,000)	\$ 1,100,600,000	\$ (33,500,000)
Rhody Health Partners	\$ 311,400,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 330,500,000	\$ (9,800,000)
Rhody Health Options	\$ 212,400,000	\$ (2,200,000)	\$ 225,200,000	\$ (9,700,000)
Other Medical Services	\$ 207,700,000	\$ (1,700,000)	\$ 237,100,000	\$ (14,300,000)
Medicaid Expansion	\$ 705,100,000	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 728,400,000	\$ 3,000,000
Total Costs	\$ 2,474,200,000	\$ (6,100,000)	\$ 2,621,800,000	\$ (64,300,000)
Pharmacy				
Pharmacy	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 7,800,000	\$ 5,800,000
Clawback	\$ 92,200,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 96,400,000	\$ (2,000,000)
Total Costs	\$ 94,900,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 104,200,000	\$ 3,800,000
Medical Assistance Total				
Total Costs	\$ 3,617,238,872	\$ 20,500,000	\$ 3,894,438,872	\$ (22,600,000)
Federal Funds	\$ 2,268,950,600	\$ 11,932,330	\$ 2,471,909,314	\$ (18,161,047)
General Revenue	\$ 1,339,773,272	\$ 8,567,670	\$ 1,415,164,558	\$ (3,488,953)
Restricted Receipts	\$ 8,515,000	\$ -	\$ 7,365,000	\$ (950,000)

Hospitals

Hospital expenditures are estimated to be \$374.5 million for FY 2025 and \$391.4 million for FY 2026. This is \$1.4 million more in FY 2025 and \$0.8 million less in FY 2026 than estimated in November. The largest piece of the estimate is for the state directed payments made through the managed care plans. These total \$286.8 million for FY 2025, consistent with November, and \$300.3 million for FY 2026, a decrease of \$2.9 million.

Disproportionate Share Hospital payments in FY 2025 totals \$27.6 million, an increase of \$5.9 million to reflect the payment to Eleanor Slater Hospital. The FY 2026 funding of \$21.7 million is consistent with November.

Long Term Care

Long term care expenditures are estimated to be \$673.6 million in FY 2025 and \$777.0 million in FY 2026. Nursing facility expenses represent \$425.0 million of the FY 2025 amount and \$474.7 million in FY2026, an increase of \$4.0 million and \$6.9 million, respectively, relative to the November consensus.

The estimates include \$248.6 million for FY 2025 and \$302.3 million for FY 2026 for home and community-based services. This is \$20.1 million more for FY 2025 and \$31.8 million more for FY 2026 relative to the November estimate to adjust for utilization in both fiscal years. The FY 2026 estimate also reflects the most recent value for the annual inflator, which is higher than assumed in November.

Managed Care

FY 2025 expenditures for managed care are estimated to be \$1,037.6 million, \$20.9 million less than November. Costs for FY 2026 are estimated to total \$1,100.6 million, \$33.5 million less than the November estimate. The FY 2025 estimate reflects reissued capitation rates that were increased to account for emerging experience offset by lower enrollment. The estimate also includes \$16.1 million in FY 2025 and \$16.9 million in FY 2026 for the state-only expense for children who would qualify for coverage but for their immigration status.

Rhody Health Partners

Rhody Health Partners program expenses are estimated at \$311.4 million for FY 2025, which is \$1.7 million more than November. FY 2026 expenditures are estimated to be \$330.5 million, which is \$9.8 million less than the November estimate.

Rhody Health Options

Expenses for Rhody Health Options, the state's integrated care initiative that provides acute and long-term care services to individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, are estimated to be \$212.4 million for FY 2025. This represents a decrease of \$2.2 million compared to the November consensus. FY 2026 expenses are estimated to total \$225.2 million, \$9.7 million less than the November consensus.

Other Medical Services

Expenditures for other medical services are estimated to be \$207.7 million for FY 2025, a decrease of \$1.7 million compared to November. The FY 2026 estimate of \$237.1 million, is \$14.3 million less than estimated in November of which EOHHS indicates \$12.3 million reflects a shift in fee-for-service behavioral health expenses to the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics system.

Medicaid Expansion

The FY 2025 estimate for the Medicaid Expansion population is \$705.1 million, which is \$17.0 million more than estimated in November. This includes reissued rates and updated enrollment. The FY 2026 estimate of \$728.4 million is \$3.0 million more than November.

Pharmacy

Pharmacy expenses are estimated to be \$94.9 million for FY 2025 and \$104.2 million for FY 2026. Nearly all of the funding is for the Medicare Part D clawback payment, funded solely from general revenues. This payment is the state's portion of the federal Medicare pharmacy costs for its population that are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid, commonly referred to as "dual-eligibles." There are increases to the November estimates of \$1.1 million for FY 2025 and \$3.8 million for FY 2026 primarily due to the inclusion of \$1.5 million in FY 2025 and \$6.6 million in FY 2026 for potential claiming for sickle cell disease (SCD) treatment. Currently two treatments are available with an estimated cost of \$2.2 million to

\$3.1 million per patient, not inclusive of transportation, lodging, and other medical costs associated with the treatment.

The next required meeting of the Conference is November 2025.

cc: The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman
House Finance Committee