
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Department of Health and Human Services — Facilities

Purpose and History

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Facilities appropriation began in FY 2017. The appropriation is for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes at facilities under the purview of the Department. The HHS currently operates Glenwood and Woodward Resource Centers, Independence and Cherokee Mental Health Institutes (MHIs), the State Training School at Eldora, and the Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders at Cherokee. In recent years, the HHS closed two MHIs (Mount Pleasant and Clarinda) and the Iowa Juvenile Home (Toledo).

Funds have been used to fill shortfalls in the facilities' General Fund appropriations budgets. Each year, certain fixed costs increase beyond the control of the HHS, primarily staff salary step increases, staff salary merit increases, and increases in the employer's share of health insurance. Prior to FY 2010, the customary practice for funding annual salary and benefit increases (referred to as salary adjustment) was for the General Assembly, with approval of the Governor, to provide a separate appropriation to the Department of Management, which would then allocate the appropriated dollars to the various State agencies based on agency salary adjustment needs.

Funding — State General Fund

The HHS Facilities appropriation was first enacted in the FY 2017 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. The appropriation has been included annually since then.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [218.6](#)

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