
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Court-Ordered Services

Background and Purpose

Noncontracted/court-ordered services are specific care and treatment ordered by the court for an eligible child when no other payment source is available to cover the cost of the defined or specific care and treatment and for which a service contract does not otherwise exist. A child is eligible when they have been adjudicated delinquent, is at risk, or has been identified by the Chief Juvenile Court Officer as eligible for early intervention and follow-up programs or noncontracted/court-ordered or juvenile delinquent graduated sanction services. The funds allocated for noncontracted/court-ordered services are spent only after all other reasonable actions have been taken to use other funding sources.

Prior to FY 2024, funding for court-ordered services was appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and was jointly administered by HHS and the Judicial Branch. The Chief Juvenile Court Officer for each judicial district was responsible for approving court-ordered services expenses. The Juvenile Court Services Contract Administrator was responsible for the initial review of court-ordered services claims. The HHS processed all court-ordered services payments.

Funding

Funding for court-ordered services for youth under the supervision of Juvenile Court Services is now directly appropriated to the Judicial Branch. Previously funding was appropriated to DHS.

The Judicial Branch receives a General Fund appropriation for court-ordered services in the Judicial Branch Appropriations Budget Bill. [Senate File 563](#) (FY 2024 Judicial Branch Appropriations Act) allowed for no more than 47.0% of the court-ordered services allocation to be utilized for school-based supervision of delinquent youth, of which not more than \$15,000 can be utilized for training. The Act allowed for up to \$83,000 of the appropriation to be utilized for administration of the funds and allocated \$23,000 to support the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [232](#)

Iowa Code section [192](#)

[Iowa Court Rules](#)

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