



# Briefing for Massachusetts Legislators: Medicaid Stimulus Fact Sheet

*You may have received two copies of this mailing. This edition corrects an earlier typo.*

Dear Gary,

ADDP respectfully requests that each member of the House and Senate consider the attached 10 critical facts about the Medicaid Portion of the Stimulus.

The disability community is asking the Governor and the Legislature to rescind and restore the disability cuts in the House One budget using **a portion** of the Medicaid stimulus dollars as intended by the President and the Congress.

The human service community notes that the goal of the Medicaid Stimulus dollars is to prevent program elimination during this recession.

The Enhanced Medicaid Stimulus provides more than enough dollars to restore human service cuts.

Under the current House One proposal over 11,000 of our state's most vulnerable citizens will lose services including jobs, day services, employment training, residential supports, respite and family supports.

The loss of service to 11,000 people is simply unconscionable in this tough economy and that is why the Medicaid Stimulus dollars have been made

## [10 Critical Facts About the Medicaid Portion of the Stimulus](#)

1. **Massachusetts will receive \$3.09 Billion in enhanced Medicaid Stimulus Dollars over the next three years. This includes for FY 09 an additional \$920 Million and in FY 10 an additional \$1.46 Billion.** This amount is based upon the federal government increasing its match by an additional 6%. This amount does not include the other \$6 Billion that the State will receive in other accounts. Source: [Center on Budget Policies and Priorities](#). <http://www.cbpp.org/2-13-09sfp.htm>
2. **In House One to balance FY 09, Governor Patrick uses \$553 Million from the Medicaid Stimulus.** House One only uses this source and does not show any of the other \$6 Billion coming to Massachusetts as a funding source anywhere else in the budget.
3. **In House One to balance FY 10, Governor Patrick uses \$711 Million from the enhanced Medicaid Stimulus.** House One again only uses the Medicaid Stimulus to fund the budget's revenue holes.
4. **If the Medicaid Stimulus was the only source for additional monies coming to the State (which it is not) then one would assume there remains \$437 Million unallocated Medicaid Stimulus funds for FY 09 and unallocated for FY 10 nearly \$700 Million in Medicaid Stimulus funds.**

available by the President and Congress.

We respect the fact that the Governor was forced to build a budget in January not knowing the amount of available revenue coming to the State. He met his constitutional duties and built a budget based upon the information he had available at the time.

We know have the benefit of the Governor's hard work with the President and our federal legislators to enact a stimulus that has the potential to protect our state's most vulnerable citizens.

We look to you as our elected officials to save these critical services.

Every day of service you save and preserve saves a life one more day.

We need you now more than ever.

Sincerely,

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cc: ADDP Members

5. **The Commonwealth must adhere to [Medicaid Stimulus requirements](#). See <http://www.cbpp.org/2-13-09sfp.htm>**
6. **Medicaid Stimulus Dollars are intended to prevent the loss of human service programs, supports and services.** They may not be used directly or indirectly to replace rainy day funds. Source: [NSCL Stimulus bulletin](#) See: <http://www.ncsl.org/print/statefed/ARRA-MedicaidFMAPIncreaseProvisions.pdf>
7. **The Stimulus provides other flexible sources of revenue** that the state may access for other budgetary purposes once the minimal intent of that section is met. **These funds include the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.** Massachusetts will receive \$993 Million from this fund, which has similar requirements and flexibility as enhanced Medicaid Stimulus, however the Governor's recommendations do not tap this source to fund or supplant FY 2010 spending. To do so, would free more state revenues. Source: [U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Group Statement on Massachusetts Stimulus Benefits](#). See: <http://dpc.senate.gov/docs/fs-111-1-24-states/ma.pdf>
8. By only using Medicaid Stimulus Dollars to balance the FY 09 and FY 10 budgets, the House One Budget asks the poor, the ill, the weak and the disabled to give up their programs to balance the budget.
9. The human service Community is asking for a portion, not all of the Enhanced Medicaid Stimulus Dollars to restore and maintain human service programs as intended by President Obama and the Congress.
10. The human service restoration requests will still leave the Commonwealth with millions of unallocated stimulus dollars. Restoration will save the lives of many of our state's most vulnerable citizens.



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