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The below memo details a preliminary analysis of Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner’s Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Proposed Budget. It provides an overarching view of important health and human services priorities within the Governor’s proposed FY17 Illinois state budget.

Overall, the Governor’s proposed FY17 Budget has a $3.5 Billion shortfall. The shortfall can be plugged through raising revenue, through cuts, or through a combination of raising revenue and some cuts. EverThrive Illinois’ position is that any state budget shortfall, whether for FY16 or FY17, should be plugged through raising the necessary revenue in a responsible and fair way.

In his FY17 budget address, the Governor put forth two paths for the General Assembly to choose from.

Path A would be the General Assembly agreeing to items on the Governor’s TurnAround Agenda and then working with the Governor to raise revenue and enact cuts to balance the budget.

Path B would be the General Assembly giving Governor Rauner authority to cut his way through the budget, to the tune of $3.5 billion, in order to have a balanced budget. The Governor has proposed legislation, the Unbalanced Budget Response Act, that would give him such broad authority to make these drastic cuts, should the General Assembly choose Path B.

In his FY17 Budget Address, Governor Rauner did not put forth any specific revenue generating ideas, or a specific number that the state needs to generate in increased revenue, that he supported.

EverThrive Illinois’ position is for the Governor and General Assembly to work together to pass a responsible budget that invests in Illinois families and communities and to raise the revenue necessary, in a fair manner, to fund both the FY16 and FY17 state budgets.

Since we are in month 8 without an enacted FY16 budget, the below compares the funding levels in the Governor’s FY17 proposed budget vs. the funding levels in the Governor’s FY16 proposed budget. When available and appropriate, the below also compares the Governor’s FY17 proposed budget vs. the FY15 funding level.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Best,

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Governor Bruce Rauner’s Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Proposed Budget - Highlights

1. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Overall the FY17 Proposed Budget for IDPH is **$583.8 million**

- 0.3% cut (Reduction of $1.7 million) compared to FY16 Governor’s Proposed Budget of **$584.4 million**
- 3% cut (Reduction of $20 million) compared to FY15 funding level of **$603.8 million**.

A) Expenses Associated with School Health Centers - **$1,151,100**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - 10% cut (Reduction of $127,900) compared to FY15 funding level of $1,279,000

B) Grants for Community Health Center Expansion Program - **$1,364,600**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - Flat funding compared to FY15 funding level

C) Grants for Immunizations and Outreach Activities - **$4,157,100**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - 8% cut (Reduction of $358,000) compared to FY15 funding level of $4,515,100

D) Expenses Associated with the Childhood Immunization Program - **$145,500**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - 2% increase (Increase of $3,300) compared to FY15 funding level of $142,200

E) Expenses for Promotion of Women’s Health - **$485,000**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - 2% increase (Increase of $10,900) compared to FY15 funding level of $474,100

F) Expenses of Women’s Health Programs - **$200,000**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - Flat funding compared to FY15 funding level

G) Perinatal Services - **$1,002,700**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - 9% cut (Reduction of $86,400) compared to FY15 funding level of $1,089,100

H) Grants to Family Planning Programs for Contraceptive Services - **$423,400**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - 9% cut (Reduction of $36,400) compared to FY15 funding level of $459,800

I) Costs Associated with Children’s Health Programs - **$1,229,700**
   - Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
   - Flat funding compared to FY15 funding level
J) Expenses Associated with Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings and Other Related Activities - $4,000,000
- Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
- 70% cut (Reduction of $9,512,400) compared to FY15 funding level of $13,512,400

K) Expenses Associated with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) - $0 (Program Eliminated)
- Funding also eliminated in FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
- 100% cut (Reduction of $250,000) compared to FY15 funding level of $250,000

L) ACA Marketplace - $30 million (All Federal Dollars)
- Flat funding compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget
- Flat funding compared to FY15 funding level of $30 million

2. Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
Overall, the FY17 Proposed Budget for DHS is $4.036 billion

- 12% increase (Increase of $482 million) compared to FY16 Governor's Proposed Budget of $3.554 billion
- 5% increase (Increase of $195 million) compared to FY15 funding level of $3.841 billion

However, entire programs in the IDHS proposed budget were eliminated and many programs were decimated by cuts. The following is not an exhaustive list but a snapshot of the cuts and service reductions in the Governor's Proposed FY17 Budget for DHS:

A) Elimination of State Funding for the following Programs:
- Homeless Youth Services
- Supportive Housing Services
- Immigrant Integration Services
- After School Matters
- Parent Mentoring

3. Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
HFS stated that there are no service reductions or program eligibility changes in the Medicaid Program's FY17 proposed budget.