

Behavioral Health Appropriations in the 85th Legislature

Total behavioral health funding appropriated by the 85th Legislature is estimated to be \$7.6 billion in All Funds for the 2018-19 biennium.¹ MMHPI estimates this to be an increase of more than \$900 million over the All Funds total appropriated by the 84th Legislature.²

The 2018-19 General Appropriations Act, SB 1 (Nelson), includes over \$4.0 billion in All Funds for non-Medicaid behavioral health services and related expenditures.³ These funds support programs at 18 state agencies across six articles in the state budget. Estimated Medicaid expenditures for behavioral health services total \$3.52 billion in All Funds for the 2018–19 biennium, and estimated CHIP expenditures total \$48.7 million in All Funds.⁴

State Behavioral Health-Related Spending ⁶	FY18-19 All Funds
Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Non-Medicaid	\$3.24 Billion
Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	\$514 Million
Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD)	\$178 Million
Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)	\$53 Million
All Other Agencies	\$53 Million
SUB-TOTAL: 85R Cross-Article Summary	\$4.04 Billion
HHSC Estimated Medicaid and CHIP Expenditures	\$3.57 Billion
GRAND TOTAL	\$7.6 Billion

Funding includes:

- \$62.6 million in All Funds for the biennium to address population growth, current and projected waitlists, and equity issues for community mental health services for adults and children.
- An additional \$37.5 million in General Revenue to create a grant program to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration among individuals with mental illness and \$30 million in General Revenue to create a grant program to support state-local collaborations to address gaps in behavioral health services.
- \$10.3 million to increase maximum security forensic bed capacity at the North Texas State Hospital - Vernon Campus, and \$24.8 million for community inpatient bed and state hospital bed capacity.
- \$300 million from the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) for the planning and implementation of new state hospital construction projects and approximately \$66.3 million from the ESF for critical repairs and deferred maintenance at existing state hospitals.⁵

¹ Sec. 10.04. Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures, S.B. 1, Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General Appropriations Act), http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Documents/Appropriations_Bills/85/Conference_Bills/SB1_Conference_Bill.pdf.

² Sec. 10.04. Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures, H.B. 1, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015 (the General Appropriations Act), http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Documents/GAA/General_Appropriations_Act_2016-2017.pdf.

Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature, House Select Committee on Mental Health, 2016, at 2, http://www.house.state.tx.us/_media/pdf/committees/reports/84interim/Mental-Health-Select-Committee-Interim-Report-2016.pdf.

³ Sec. 10.04. Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures, S.B. 1, Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General Appropriations Act), http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Documents/Appropriations_Bills/85/Conference_Bills/SB1_Conference_Bill.pdf.

⁴ Id. at IX-56.

⁵ Summary of 2018-19 Conference Committee Report for SB 1, Legislative Budget Board, May 2017, p. 12.

http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Documents/Appropriations_Bills/85/Conference_Bills/4083_Summary_CCR_SB1_2018-19.pdf.

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