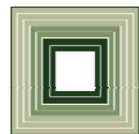


Community Support Services

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Community Support Services

- A service for adults and adolescents with mental health or substance abuse diagnosis.
- Intended to help clients address their educational, vocational, and housing needs.
- Began in March 2006 as a replacement to Community-Based Services (CBS) and Case Management.
- Funded with Medicaid and State dollars.

FY 2006-07: More Expensive Than Expected

- In FY 2006-07, Medicaid costs (State and Federal) for this service were about \$500 million more than the services it replaced.
 - Total expenditures for this line item were \$1 billion.
 - Roughly 81% (or \$808.1 million) was for Community Support Services.
- However, the Medicaid program as a whole was slightly under budget.

2007 Session

- Medicaid FY 2007-08 certified budget for this line item is \$972.6 million.
- S.L. 2007-323, Section 10.49(ee) implemented a number of changes to slow Community Support Services spending.

FY 2007-08:

Still More Expensive Than Expected

- However, Community Support Services costs are still higher than anticipated.
- As of December, spending on Community Support Services was higher than at the same time last year.
- If spending continues at the current rate, will likely exceed budget again.

Questions?

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