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Food (DHS -- Care Facilities)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Health Services operates seven residential institutions, including the three state centers for the developmentally disabled (Central, Northern, and Southern), the state's two mental health institutes (Mendota and Winnebago), the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC), which houses Department of Corrections inmates as well as sexually violent persons (SVPs) civilly committed under Chapter 980 of the statutes, and the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC), which also houses SVPs committed under Chapter 980. Funding to support food costs at these residential institutions is budgeted separately from the other costs associated with operating these institutions.

Food costs at the two state mental health institutes are assigned to payment sources based on the estimated percentage of their respective populations whose care will be supported by GPR (nearly all forensic patients and other non-billable patients) and by program revenues contributed by counties, medical assistance, and other third-party payers (civil commitments, MA recipients, and certain other patients). For the 2009-11 biennium, it is estimated those population splits will be 69% GPR/31% PR at Mendota, and 54% GPR/46% PR at Winnebago. Food costs at the three state centers for the developmentally disabled are funded entirely by PR (medical assistance reimbursement), while food costs at WRC and SRSTC are funded entirely by GPR.

GOVERNOR

Reduce funding by \$41,800 (\$307,500 GPR and -\$349,300 PR) in 2009-10 and increase funding by \$165,900 (\$469,100 GPR and -\$303,200 PR) in 2010-11 to fund the difference between base funding budgeted for food and projected costs of food at DHS care facilities.

MODIFICATION

Modify the Governor's recommendations by decreasing funding by \$317,100 (-\$198,500 GPR and -\$118,600 PR) in 2009-10 and by \$321,000 (-\$211,200 GPR and -\$109,800 PR) in 2010-11.

Explanation: The amounts budgeted for food in AB 75 were calculated by applying estimated inflation factors to the recent actual food costs at each institution to arrive at that institution's projected food cost per meal, and then multiplying those per meal food costs by the projected number of meals that will be served at each institution in 2009-10 and 2010-11. The projected number of meals is primarily a function of the estimated population at each of the respective institutions during the upcoming biennium. Based on a review of current and historical resident populations at these facilities, the population projections at these facilities are revised downward for 2009-10 and 2010-11, compared to the AB 75 estimates, for most facilities. This modification adjusts the amounts that would be budgeted for food at these facilities in the 2009-11 biennium to reflect these lower population estimates.

The following table compares the estimates used in developing the food budget in AB 75 with the current estimates.

Comparison of Population Estimates at DHS Facilities

Facility	AB 75		Current Estimate		Difference	
	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>
Mendota Mental Health Institute	291	285	281	281	-10	-4
Winnebago Mental Health Institute	237	241	227	227	-10	-14
Wisconsin Resource Center	460	460	430	439	-30	-21
Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center	344	369	285	297	-59	-72
Central Wisconsin Center	278	275	260	252	-18	-23
Northern Wisconsin Center	20	20	18	18	-2	-2
Southern Wisconsin Center	<u>194</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	1,824	1,836	1,695	1,708	-129	-128

Change to Bill	
Funding	
GPR	- \$409,700
PR	<u>- 228,400</u>
Total	<u>- \$637,100</u>

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