

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

DATE: March 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Expenditure Symbol Notification Number 25-072

TO: Honorable Stacy Garrity
State Treasurer

FROM: Zachary Reber 
Secretary of the Budget

The nonbudgeted expenditure symbols identified below are hereby established for mandatory public health and safety programs in the General Fund for the Department of Human Services. The accounts are authorized as available during the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The accounts will be utilized to continue programs and services for federally mandated programs, including both the legally required state and federal shares of those programs, when there is insufficient spending authority available in the original state and/or federal appropriation. Insufficient spending authority can exist at any time during any given fiscal year due to the timing of the receipt of refunds and/or actual augmenting revenues, or due to delay (or failure) in the enactment of supplemental appropriation authority. The accounts will not be utilized for required mandated program activity during any budget impasse.

The Commonwealth Court has held that because of the supremacy of federal law over the Pennsylvania Constitution and state law, certain federal welfare and assistance programs must be funded and because the state share of such programs is integrated with the federal payments, payments must be made whether an appropriation exists or not. *Knoll v. White*, 595 A. 2d 665 (Pa. Cmwlth 1991). The Commonwealth is also mandated under its public health and safety provisions to ensure that expenditures required for the protection of individuals under the Commonwealth care, custody, and control must be made whether appropriation funds remain available or not.

Upon determination by the Commonwealth that the original mandated appropriation amounts have been depleted beyond any meaningful authority balance, costs are to be transferred from the original state and/or federal appropriations to the nonbudgeted expenditure symbols to meet the mandated program requirements on a timely basis. These adjustments will be proactive to restore spending authority in the original appropriations to maintain efficient and effective cash management of the mandated programs.

As the mandated appropriations receive additional monies through refunds, revenues, or supplemental spending authority which restores the original mandated appropriation balances to a meaningful authority balance, the costs applied to the nonbudgeted expenditure symbols will then to be returned to the original state and/or federal appropriations. If the original mandated appropriation spending authority within the fiscal year is ultimately insufficient, costs are returned to the subsequent year state and/or federal appropriations.

The nonbudgeted expenditure symbols identified for the process of managing the mandated program activity as identified herein are as follows:

From: General Fund

To: Human Services

<u>SAP Fund Name</u>	<u>COPA Fund</u>	<u>Business Area</u>	<u>SAP Fund</u>	<u>Original Source</u>
MP-Medical Assistance-Autism Intervention Services	001	21	57711	70711 (F)
MP-Medical Assistance-Capitation	001	21	54226	10226 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Capitation	001	21	57186	70186 (F)
MP-Medical Assistance-Fee for Service	001	21	54076	11076 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Fee for Service	001	21	57030	71030 (F)
MP-Children's Health Insurance Program	001	21	54095	11095 (S)
MP-Children's Health Insurance Program	001	21	57055	71055 (F)
MP-Medical Assistance-Workers with Disabilities	001	21	54996	10996 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Workers with Disabilities	001	21	57798	70798 (F)

<u>SAP Fund Name</u>	<u>COPA Fund</u>	<u>Business Area</u>	<u>SAP Fund</u>	<u>Original Source</u>
MP-Medical Assistance-Long-Term Living	001	21	54267	10267 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Long-Term Living	001	21	57161	70161 (F)
MP-Medical Assistance-Community HealthChoices	001	21	54133	11133 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Community HealthChoices	001	21	57089	71089 (F)
MP- Long-Term Care Managed Care	001	21	54025	11025 (S)
MP-Intellectual Disabilities-Community Base Program	001	21	54255	10255 (S)
MP-Intellectual Disabilities-Intermediate Care Facilities	001	21	54251	10251 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Intellectual Disabilities-Intermediate Care Facilities	001	21	57129	70129 (F)
MP-Intellectual Disabilities-Community Waiver Program	001	21	54975	10975 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Community ID Waiver Program	001	21	57600	70600 (F)
MP- Early Intervention	001	21	54235	10235 (S)
MP-Medical Assistance-Early Intervention	001	21	57184	70184 (F)
MP-Youth Development Institutions and Forestry Camps	001	21	54261	10261 (S)
MP-Child Support Enforcement-Title IV-D	001	21	57151	70151 (F)
MP-Cash Grants	001	21	54265	10265 (S)
MP-Other Federal Support-Cash Grants	001	21	57128	70128 (F)

Note for all accounts: Functional Area is 4000 / Character Code is 1

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