

# LDH Potential Budget Reduction

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## Overall – (\$237,377,712) SGF Reduction

- LDH’s budget was cut by over \$237M for fiscal year 2018 through amendments to HB1.
- Additional amendments were added to HB1 to restrict *how* LDH would be able to spread reductions in the already lean Department. *[Protected: ABA, Waivers, GME, Public-Private Partnerships]*
- With so little in the Department able to be cut, LDH is forced to consider “optional” Medicaid services – those not federally required for Medicaid to cover, which includes some very vital services.
- The reduction options range from bad to worse. The reductions that you see were the result of having to choose between even more critical, life-saving “optional” services like dialysis and adult pharmacy.

## I/DD Impacts

### Eliminate Funding for New Positions in LDH Offices

SGF	Total \$
(\$5,283,162)	(\$10,847,795)

- **Impact Summary**
  - As a result of eliminating funding for new positions, among the total positions unable to be filled are 81 direct care positions planned for Pinecrest. The increase in positions was to meet staffing ratios for Title XIX and for CMS regulations due to census increasing to 450 people, as well as additional staffing needed due to complexity of behavioral support issues for those individuals requiring admission to the facility.

### 33% Elimination of State Funds in DSH LINCCA Payments

SGF	Total \$
(\$6,099,278)	(\$16,169,878)

- **Impact Summary**
  - This reduction includes contracts that affect both the I/DD and BH populations.
  - Reducing funding for LINCCA contracts will affect all but two of the Local Governing Entities (LGEs) and the populations served by all four of LDH’s program offices: OPH, OCDD, OBH, and OAAS.
  - These contracts include services provided by Louisiana Guardianship Services, Inc., Families Helping Families, the ARC of Louisiana, multiple contracts with Volunteers of America, and Flexible Family Funds, among many others.

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## Behavioral Health Impacts

### Eliminate the Youth Psycho Social Rehabilitation Program

SGF	Total \$
(\$20,265,610)	(\$60,064,048)

- **Reduction/Impact Summary**
  - Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) services are designed to assist in diverting children from out of home placements by achieving the fullest possible integration of the youth as an active and productive member of his or her family and community.
  - Eliminating PSR services for youth will have an annual impact on over 40,000 children with behavioral health disorders in Louisiana. In 2016, 205 unique behavioral health rehabilitation providers served 47,443 unique recipients under the age of 21, through the delivery of PSR which is specifically designed to provide restoration, rehabilitation and support to develop: (1) social and interpersonal skills to increase community tenure, enhance personal relationships, establish support networks, increase community awareness, develop coping strategies and effective functioning in the individual’s social environment, including home, work and school; and (2) daily living skills and daily routines in order to improve self-management of the negative effects of psychiatric or emotional symptoms that interfere with his or her daily living, so that the person can remain in a natural community location and achieve developmentally appropriate functioning.

### Elimination of Medicaid Mental Health Services

SGF	Total \$
(\$32,048,692)	(\$88,674,411)

- **Reduction/Impact Summary**
  - Loss of VITAL Medicaid-funded adult and youth behavioral health services, including services provided in the homes and communities of Severely Mentally Ill (SMI) adults and children with Severe Emotional Disorders (SED).
  - Substantial reduction to mental health rehab (MHR) services including both adult psycho-social rehab (PSR) and community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services for all age groups.
  - Widespread public and private provider closures expected.
  - This would impact community based services to justice involved youth and adults, as well as DCFS involved youth in danger of out of home placement.
  - The Department will be unable to address department of justice findings letter and ensure compliance with Federal regulations.

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## Other Impacts

### Eliminate Pediatric Day Healthcare Program

SGF	Total \$
(\$7,308,899)	(\$20,780,444)

- **Reduction/Impact Summary**
  - The Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) Program is designed to provide an array of services to meet the medical, social and developmental needs of children from birth up to 21 years of age who have a complex medical condition which requires skilled nursing care and therapeutic interventions on an ongoing basis to preserve and maintain health status, prevent death, treat/cure disease, ameliorate disabilities or other adverse health conditions and/or prolong life. PDHC is to serve as a community-based alternative to long-term care and extended in-home nursing care.
  - Elimination of this program will impact 670 recipients currently receiving services, as well as, 185,000 recipients currently receiving services.
    1. The recipients would remain at home, which can result in complaints from the parents and/or legal guardians.
    2. The cost for extended home health – personal care services (EHH-PCS) could increase.