

## 2026 Supplemental Budget Comparison 2.23.25

Item	Governor's Supp Budget 12/22/25	House Budget 2/22/26	Senate Budget 2/22/26	Conference Budget Adopted 3/12/26
Assisted Living Rebase	<p><b>-\$45M Total Funds (-\$21M GF-S)</b>  <b>Delayed to July 1, 2027.</b>                      Medicaid rates remain at 81.7% of 2022 benchmark wages and costs.</p>	<p><b>-\$45M Total Funds (-\$21M GF-S)</b>  <b>Delayed to July 1, 2027.</b>                      Medicaid rates remain at 81.7% of 2022 benchmark wages and costs.</p>	<p><b>Fully funded on schedule July 1, 2026.</b>                      Medicaid rates move to 81.7% of 2024 benchmark wages and costs.</p>	<p><b>Matches the House.</b>                      Rebased funding for the biennium is eliminated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sec. 939</b> “delays” the July 1, 2026 rebase and commits to a one-time rebase on July 1, 2027. The statutory rebase scheduled for July 1, 2028 is to remain on schedule although DSHS will need to request new funding for it.</li> </ul>
Assisted Living Bridge Rates (~\$21 ppd)	Held at current rate	Held at current rate.	<p><b>Reduced:</b>  <b>-\$8M Total Funds (-\$4M GF-S)</b>                      Limited to the amount necessary to prevent a decrease in the total per resident day rate after accounting for the rate increase from the rebase. (If you are getting a Bridge Rate, it will remain frozen at the total rate level.</p>	<b>Matches the House.</b>
Skilled Nursing Facility Rates \$376/ppd = Statewide Average	<p><b>-\$102M Total Funds (-\$49M GF-S)</b>  <b>\$354/ppd = Statewide Average</b>                      Delayed rebase to July 1, 2027.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removes Gap Funding that keeps individual providers from falling off a rate cliff due to one-time budget maneuvers.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$395/ppd = Statewide Average</b>                      Held July 1, 2026, rates at last year's appropriated level.</p>	<p><b>-\$20M Total Funds (-\$10M GF-S)</b>  <b>\$382/ppd = Statewide Average</b>                      Still assessing impacts at the individual provider level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully funds July 1, 2026, rebase.</li> <li>Phases down rate add-ons by 50% that were put in place to prevent providers from falling off a fiscal cliff when one-time budget items were shut off.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Matches the Senate but includes a hold harmless</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the removal of rate add-ons, approximately ~80 providers would have had rate cuts under this proposal.</li> <li>Caps rate increases to pay for the hold harmless.</li> <li><b>Sec. 939</b> Establishes the full sunset of rate add-ons in FY 2029. These are wage-equity, inflation, and minimum occupancy</li> </ul>
Specialized Dementia	No proposal	<p><b>-\$660k Total Funds (-\$360k GF-S)</b>                      Eliminates the specialized dementia care plus \$204 daily rate add-on and shifts 29 clients onto the specialized dementia care enhanced \$140 daily rate add-on.</p>	<p><b>-\$660k Total Funds (-\$360k GF-S)</b>                      Savings are achieved by reducing enhanced behavior support services for clients receiving Specialized Dementia Care.</p>	<b>Matches the House</b>

<b>Behavioral Health Work Group</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<p>+\$100k for a task force to include ALs, ESFs, and AFHs that serve community behavioral health supports &amp; intensive behavioral support supervision program.</p> <p>Goal: Improve system-wide efficiencies, data-driven outcomes, and cost effectiveness of these programs.</p>	<b>Matches the Senate.</b>
<p><b>HR1 Eligibility: Providing certain services to undocumented immigrants(non-citizens).</b> Federal law restricts eligibility; states that want to expand access must pay entirely with state revenue.</p>	<p>+\$7.6M GF-S (No Federal Match) 500 non-citizen slots. No phase-in.</p>	<p>+\$19.1M GF-S (No Federal Match) Phase-in 1,162 non-citizen slots.</p>	<p>+\$19.1M GF-S (No Federal Match) 600 non-citizen slots beginning October 1, 2026; phase up to 1,162 in the next biennium.</p>	<p>+\$17.8M GF-S (No Federal Match)</p> <p><b>Matches the House policy</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: The total GF-S allocation goes beyond LTC and is about \$100M.</b> This includes \$9M for IT, \$17.9M SNAP, \$50M Immigrant, Refugee, and New arrival supports, \$556k for immigrants with disabilities. It also includes agency staffing for evaluating work requirements.</p>

\*State Accounts used to fund long-term care are as follows: **GF-S** → General Fund – State (state tax dollars, collected revenue); “Total funds” includes GF-S and federal Medicaid matching funds.



**Questions?**

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