



# IHSS Coalition Quality Care Begins at Home

The Senate and Assembly leaders have somewhat different approaches to meeting Governor Brown's target to cut \$12.5 billion in state General Fund savings. Senate President Pro Tem Steinberg wants to stay as close as possible to the reduction proposals contained in Governor Brown's budget. Assembly Speaker John Perez prefers to find alternative strategies to mitigate cuts while still achieving the \$12.5 billion target in state savings. IHSS will be on the agenda of the budget conference committee to work out the difference between these strategies of the legislative leaders.

Issue	Assembly version	Senate version	Comments
Physician Certification	Approves the Governor's proposal to require a certification that personal care are necessary to prevent out-of-care, with resulting General Fund savings of \$120.4 million	Same	This item will not be in conference committee because the Assembly & Senate actions are identical. Final language will probably look different from the administration's proposed trailer bill language (i.e. more types of licensed medical professionals allowed to submit certification, longer time period for consumers to submit certificate.
Caseload Savings	Cuts \$83.4 million General Fund from the program due to caseload savings both in 2010-11 and 2011-12, adjusting caseload trends for the current and budget year based on demonstrated and more recent numbers of recipients and hours paid.	Same	This item will not be in conference committee because the Assembly & Senate actions are identical. The DOF and LAO expressed concerns about "scoring" new caseload savings.

Community First Choice Option	Saves \$121 million General Fund in the program due to expected approval of an additional six percent in FMAP as a result of IHSS qualifying under the new federal Community First Choice Options.	\$121.1 million GF savings due to expected approval of 6% increase in federal financial participation as a result of IHSS qualifying under the new federal Community First Choice Option.	This item will not be in conference committee because the Assembly & Senate actions are identical. The DOF expressed concerns about prematurely budgeting the CFCO funds because the federal regulations haven't been issued yet.
Domestic & Related Service	No action	<p>Adopt a modified version of the Governor's proposal to eliminate domestic and related services. More specifically, amend the proposal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Exclude households where the only occupants are all IHSS recipients;</li> <li>b) Exclude individuals whose housemates are neither their family members nor their IHSS providers;</li> <li>c) Exclude domestic and related tasks that require the use of universal precautions; and</li> <li>d) Exclude individuals whose housemates are not both able and available to meet the recipient's specified needs.</li> </ul>	This item will be in conference committee.
Across-the-Board cuts	No action	Adopted an across-the-board reduction in hours of service that corresponds to the remaining amount needed to reach \$486 million GF savings.	This item will be in conference committee.

Alternative Savings	Adopted placeholder trailer bill to include contemplation of additional savings proposals to close the amount of \$161.4 million General Fund to meet the Governor's savings number for the program. These may include, but are not limited to, proposals regarding medication compliance, nursing home intervention and diversion, and expanded goals for the Community Transitions Program.	No action	This item will be in conference committee.
Advisory Committees	Cut \$1.4 million from IHSS Advisory Committees and eliminates the mandate, while retaining \$3,000 for each of the 56 Public Authorities (PAs) to support the continued operation of Advisory Committees within the budget for PAs.	Same	<p>This item will not be in conference committee because the Assembly &amp; Senate actions are identical.</p> <p>The mandate for Public Authorities to have advisory committees will remain in place and each Public Authority will receive \$3,000 specifically earmarked for advisory committee or consumer governing board activities.</p>

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