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REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Agency Fees for Review and Approval of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5883
Section 204, (4)(c) and
Section 208(21)

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BACKGROUND

The 2017 Legislature passed SSB 5883, which requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to conduct an analysis of fees paid by licensed behavioral health agencies that support BHA's Licensing and Certification Section's review and approval of mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs. To the extent that fees charged in 2018 are not expected to fully cover the cost of the regulatory program, BHA must submit a report to the Office of Financial Management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature identifying what further increases would be required and the differential impact on providers. This report must be submitted by December 1, 2017.

SSB 5883, Section 208(21)

In accordance with RCW 70.96A.090, 71.24.035, 43.20B.110, and 43.135.055, the department is authorized to adopt fees for the review and approval of mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 as necessary to support the costs of the regulatory program. The department's fee schedule shall have differential rates for providers with proof of accreditation from organizations that the department has determined to have substantially equivalent standards to those of the department, including but not limited to the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations, the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities, and the council on accreditation. To reflect the reduced costs associated with regulation of accredited programs, the department's fees for organizations with such proof of accreditation must reflect the lower cost of licensing for these programs than for other organizations which are not accredited. To the extent that the fees charged in fiscal year 2018 are not expected to fully cover the cost of the program, the department must submit a report to the office of financial management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature identifying what further increases would be required and the differential impact on providers. This report must be submitted by December 1, 2017.

BHA administers the licensing and certification of behavioral health treatment agencies which regulate public and private substance use disorder, mental health, and problem and pathological gambling agencies. There are approximately 584 substance use disorder treatment programs and 202 licensed Community Mental Health Agencies offering services at 553 service sites statewide. During calendar year 2016, about 245,000 publicly-funded patients were served by these programs. In addition, thousands of Washington residents were served in private, for-profit agencies.

Current licensing and certification standards are driven by the Revised Code of Washington, Code of Federal Regulations, and federal block grants. These standards were established to ensure:

- Quality health care services of equal intensity, duration, and scope.
 - Quality management.
 - Consistent application of clinical standards and practices.
 - Consistent implementation of patient health and safety standards.
 - Certified and licensed chemical dependency and mental health professionals are operating within the scope of their practice.
 - Consistent risk management monitoring of substance use disorder treatment programs and community mental health agencies.
 - Rapid response to complaints regarding substance use disorder treatment programs, community mental health agencies, and providers to ensure patient health and safety.

FEE ANALYSIS

The Department conducted an analysis of fees paid by licensed behavioral health agencies that support the BHA Licensing and Certification Section review and approval of mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs. Fees paid by licensed behavioral health agencies are not expected to fully cover the cost of the regulatory program in FY 2018.

As part of Governor Inslee's Directive 17-11, BHA is working with the Department of Health to plan for the anticipated transfer of the Licensing and Certification Section from DSHS to DOH on July 1, 2018. BHA does not recommend increasing licensing and certification fees for behavioral health agencies in early 2018 because DOH will reassess agency fees to cover the cost of the Licensing and Certification Section regulatory program as part of behavioral health integration.

Revenue and Expense Assumptions

Revenue and expense assumptions are attached as appendix B. The analysis includes an estimate of direct and indirect expenses for 23 positions (22 FTEs and 1 contract position) that have been identified as individuals that will transfer to DOH as part of Behavioral Health (BH) integration.

Revenue assumptions are based on a combination of agency fees collected from mental health (MH) and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment agencies. Currently BHA supplements fee revenue in order to cover the full cost of BHA's Licensing and Certification program. In order to increase MH agency fee collections the Legislature will need to increase its appropriation authority as it is currently capped at \$251,000 per year. Revenue assumptions also include differential fee collection recognizing accreditation by a federally recognized accreditation body. Appendix A is the current fee schedule with differential fees for accreditation agencies.

Revenue Required to Fully Cover the Cost of the Regulatory Program

Because BHA will not collect sufficient agency fee revenue to cover the cost of its regulatory program in FY 2018, BHA will continue to use federal funding resources to supplement the Licensing and Certification budget.

In order to fully cover the cost of the Licensing and Certification regulatory program, BHA could have to increase revenue by the following amounts:

• MH Treatment Agency Program: \$877,160 per year

• SUD Treatment Agency Program: \$677,539 per year

Differential Impact on Providers

To fully cover the cost of the Licensing and Certification regulatory program, BHA could be required to increase current fees as follows:

- Impact on MH agencies Currently there are 202 mental health corporations providing treatment services at 553 service sites. Fee increases may vary depending on the level of care outpatient services and residential services offered at each service site factoring in differential rates for agencies that are also accredited by a federally recognized accreditation body. Current fees would need to be increased up to 2.62 times and therefore: Agencies currently paying \$728 could have fees increased to \$1907. Agencies currently paying \$2575 could increase to \$6747. Some MH residential treatment agencies such as Crisis Stabilization and Triage are not currently required by administrative rule to pay licensing fees which needs to be considered.
- Impact on SUD agencies –There are 585 licensed SUD treatment agencies. Fee increases may vary depending on the level of care outpatient services and residential services offered at each service site factoring in differential rates for agencies that are also accredited by a federally recognized accreditation body. Current fees would need to be increased up to 2.08 times and therefore: Agencies currently paying \$1000 for a new agency application could see an increase up to \$2080. Agencies currently paying \$100 per licensed bed could have fees increased up to \$208 per licensed bed.
- Other considerations: Currently there are 26 providers that offer Problem and Pathological Gambling Treatment services that are not currently required by administrative rule to pay licensing fees which needs to be considered.
- BHA currently licenses 553 MH treatment sites and 584 SUD treatment sites. Of these, 256 treatment sites offer both MH and SUD treatment services. There are 1191 licensed MH residential/hospital treatment beds and 3578 licensed SUD residential/hospital treatment beds. BHA could expect further analysis of various levels of care to ensure equably distribution of fee revenue expectations.

APPENDIX A - APPLICATION & LICENSING FEES

WAC 388-877-0365 - Fee requirements

Application Fees for Agency Certification for Approved Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs							
New agency application	\$1,000						
Branch agency application	\$500						
Application to add one or more services	\$200						
Application to change ownership	\$500						
Initial and Annual Certification	on Fees for Detoxification, Residential, and Nonresidential Services						
Detoxification and residential services	\$100 per licensed bed, per year, for agencies not renewing certification through deeming						
	\$50 per licensed bed, per year, for agencies renewing certification through deeming per WAC <u>388-877-0310</u>						
Nonresidential services	\$750 per year for agencies not renewing certification through deeming						
	\$200 per year for agencies certified through deeming per WAC $\underline{388-877-0310}$						
Con	nplaint/Critical Incident Investigation Fees						
All agencies	\$1,000 per substantiated complaint investigation and \$1,000 per substantiated critical incident investigation that results in a requirement for corrective action						

Initial Licensing Application Fee for Mental Health Treatment Programs							
Licensing application fee \$1,000 initial licensing fee							
Initial and Annual Licensing Fees for Agencies not Deemed							
Annual service hours provided:	Initial and annual licensing fees:						
0-3,999	\$728						
4,000-14,999	\$1,055						
15,000-29,999	\$1,405						
30,000-49,999	\$2,105						
50,000 or more	\$2,575						
Annual Licensing Fees for Deemed Agencies							
Deemed agencies licensed by DBHR	\$500 annual licensing fee						
Complaint/Critical Incident Investigation Fee							
All residential and nonresidential agencies	\$1,000 per substantiated complaint investigation and \$1,000 per substantiated critical incident investigation that results in a requirement for corrective action						

APPENDIX A (Continued)

WAC 388-865-0511 & 0910 - Fee requirements

Evaluation and Treatment Facilities and Competency Evaluation and Restoration Treatment Services:

- (4) Pay the following certification fees:
- (a) Ninety dollars initial certification fee, per bed; then
- (b) Ninety dollars annual certification fee, per bed.

No fees currently for Crisis Stabilization & Triage facilities. No fees currently for Pathological Gambling Treatment service

Mental Health Treatment Agency Programs			FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	5 year Avg	Comments	
Estimated Program Costs				1,209,973	1,211,297	1,212,645			See Below	
Current Revenue Estimate (553 MH Service Sites- 202 Corp	orate Entities)		333,787	333,787	333,787	333,787	333,787		Estimate is avg of FY15 FY16 FY17 actual revenue**	
Additional Revenue Required if self-supported			873,014	876,186	-	878,858	880,232	877,160	Total does not include add'l agencies or inflation	
		_			fees needed				Agencies currently paying \$728 could increase to \$1907	
** Additional appropriation authority is needed to claim the			(currently cap	ped at \$251,	,000)				Agencies currently paying \$2575 could increase to \$6747	
Note: Crisis Triage/Stablization does not currently have a for	ee schedule ass	ociated								
Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs			FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	5 year Avg	Comments	
Estimated Program Costs			1,287,369	1,296,059	1,297,444	1,298,855	1,300,292		See below	
Current Revenue Estimate (580 CD Agencies)			618,465	618,465	618,465	618,465	618,465		Estimate is avg of FY15 FY16 FY17 actual revenue**	
Additional Revenue Required if self-supported			668,904	677,594	678,979	680,390	681,827	677,539	Total does not include add'l agencies or inflation	
Note: Crisis Triage/Stablization does not currently have a fo	ee schedule ass	ociated	208%	increase in	fees needed				Agencies currently paying \$1000 for a new agency application could need it increased to \$2080	
									Agencies currently paying \$100 per licensed bed could have fee increased to \$208 per licensed bed	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AT FULL CAPACITY:	<u>FTE</u>		FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23		Comments	Source Document
C9824 - Mental Health Treatment Programs	9.0	Α	718,713	720,270	720,270	720,270	720,270		FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien	OFM Salary Projection System
(Includes 50% of total Admin costs - PI G9221)	1.6	В	274,545	274,860	274,860	274,860	274,860		FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien	OFM Salary Projection System
,		E	59,402	59,402	59,402	59,402	59,402		\$467 per mo, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		ED	66,653	66,653	66,653	66,653	66,653		\$524 per mo, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		EM	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000		Using \$5K as a base -ATG said work mostly related to just rules, lic, & cert.	9/21/17 Email from Office of Attorney General
		G	61,000	62,300	63,624	64,972	66,346		Using \$60K in FY19 plus 2% incr each yr, based on \$55,400 spent in FY16	2015-17 AFRS Report
		N	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750		N/A	N/A
		P	3,180	3,180	3,180	3,180	3,180		\$25 per month, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		TZ	10,558	10,558	10,558	10,558	10,558		\$83 per month, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		Total	1,206,801	1,209,973	1,211,297	1,212,645	1,214,019			
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G9222 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs	9.8	A	752,744	758,838	758,838	758,838	758,838		FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien	OFM Salary Projection System
(Includes 50% of total Admin costs - PI G9221)	1.6	В	290,532	291,768	291,768	291,768	291,768		FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien	OFM Salary Projection System
		E	63,886	63,886	63,886	63,886	63,886		\$467 per mo, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		ED EM	71,683	71,683	71,683	71,683	71,683		\$524 per mo, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 9/21/17 Email from Office of Attorney General
		G	22,000 64,000	22,000 65,360	22,000 66,745	22,000 68,156	22,000 69,593		Using FY16 actual as a base amount Using \$63K in FY19 plus 2% incr each yr, based on amt spent at full staff	2015-17 AFRS Report
		N	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750		N/A	N/A
		P	3,420	3,420	3,420	3,420	3,420		\$25 per month, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		TZ	11,354	11,354	11,354	11,354	11,354		\$83 per month, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		Total	-	-	1,297,444	1,298,855	-		φου ρείσι.α., ρεί <u>Σ</u>	2027 25 50110 500111119 1110001
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Grand Total	22.0	Α	1,471,457	1,479,108	1,479,108	1,479,108	1,479,108		FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien	OFM Salary Projection System
		В	565,077	566,628	566,628	566,628	566,628		FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien	OFM Salary Projection System
		E	123,288	123,288	123,288	123,288	123,288		\$467 per mo, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		ED	138,336	138,336	138,336	138,336	138,336		\$524 per mo, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		EM	27,000	27,000		27,000	27,000		Using FY16 actual as a base amount	9/21/17 Email from Office of Attorney General
		G	125,000	127,660	130,369	133,129	135,939		Using \$63K in FY19 plus 2% incr each yr, based on amt spent at full staff	2015-17 AFRS Report
		N	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500		N/A	N/A
		P 	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600		\$25 per month, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		TZ	21,912	21,912		21,912	21,912		\$83 per month, per FTE	2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
		Total	2,494,170	2,506,032	2,508,741	2,511,501	2,514,311			

C9824 - Mental Health Treatment Programs Org Index C7B1	FTE 9.0 A B E EI G N P TZ	5,000 60,000 0 2,700 8,964	236,400 50,436 56,592 5,000 61,200 0 2,700 8,964	FY21 627,648 236,400 50,436 56,592 5,000 62,424 0 2,700 8,964 1,050,164	FY22 627,648 236,400 50,436 56,592 5,000 63,672 0 2,700 8,964 1,051,412	FY23 627,648 236,400 50,436 56,592 5,000 64,946 0 2,700 8,964 1,052,686	Comments FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien \$467 per mo, per FTE \$524 per mo, per FTE Using \$5K as a base -ATG said work mostly related to just rules, lic, & cert. Using \$60K in FY19 plus 2% incr each yr, based on \$55,400 spent in FY16 No contract costs \$25 per month, per FTE \$83 per month, per FTE	Source Document OFM Salary Projection System OFM Salary Projection System 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 9/21/17 Email from Office of Attorney General 2015-17 AFRS Report N/A 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
G9222 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs Org Index G7B1	9.8 A B E EI G N P TZ	1 22,000 63,000 0 2,940 <u>9,761</u>	253,308 54,919 61,622 22,000 64,260 0 2,940 9,761	666,216 253,308 54,919 61,622 22,000 65,545 0 2,940 9,761 1,136,312	666,216 253,308 54,919 61,622 22,000 66,856 0 2,940 <u>9,761</u> 1,137,623	253,308 54,919 61,622 22,000 68,193 0 2,940 9,761	FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien \$467 per mo, per FTE \$524 per mo, per FTE Using FY16 actual as a base amount Using \$63K in FY19 plus 2% incr each yr, based on amt spent at full staff No contract costs \$25 per month, per FTE \$83 per month, per FTE	OFM Salary Projection System OFM Salary Projection System 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 9/21/17 Email from Office of Attorney General 2015-17 AFRS Report N/A 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
G9221 - Program Administration Org Index G7B1	3.2 A B E EI G N P TZ	1 0 2,000 15,500 960	76,920 17,933 20,122 0 2,200 15,500 960 3,187	185,244 76,920 17,933 20,122 0 2,400 15,500 960 3,187 322,266	185,244 76,920 17,933 20,122 0 2,600 15,500 960 3,187 322,466	76,920 17,933 20,122 0 2,800 15,500 960 3,187	FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien FY20-FY23 Assumes full COLA amt from 17-19 bien \$467 per mo, per FTE \$524 per mo, per FTE No AG costs Very little travel in Admin Contracted Staff \$25 per month, per FTE \$83 per mo, per FTE	OFM Salary Projection System OFM Salary Projection System 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model N/A 2015-17 AFRS Report 2015-17 AFRS Report 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model 2017-19 DSHS Staffing Model
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Agency Fees for Mental Health and SUD Treatment Programs December 1, 2017

SFY14-SFY17 Lic & Cert Revenue*

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Current Doc Num (Multiple Items)

Sum of Amount	Column Labels				
Row Labels	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
Mental Health	238,223	319,808	306,126	375,427	1,239,584
102700					
MH Licensing & Certification	238,223	319,808	304,721	375,427	1,238,179
610000					
Alcohol/Subs Abuse Cert Renewal Fee	0		1,405	0	1,405
Substance Use Disorder	602,157	618,719	660,247	576,431	2,457,554
102700					
MH Licensing & Certification	0	0		0	0
610000					
Alcohol/Subs Abuse Cert Renewal Fee	568,457	601,719	607,047	541,181	2,318,404
620000					
Alcohol/Subs Abuse Complaint Investigati	6,000	2,250	2,500	1,000	11,750
630000					
Alcohol/Subs Abuse Cert Application Fee	27,700	14,750	50,700	34,250	127,400
Grand Total	840,381	938,527	966,373	951,858	3,697,138

^{*}Excludes revenue deferrals or transfers, if applicable

new SUD agencies 27.7 14.75 50.7 34.25