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**2010 Supplemental Budget Comparison**  
**Health Care items of special interest to clients and consumer advocates:**  
**DSHS Medical Assistance Programs and Basic Health**

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This chart shows major changes from 2009 in the Governor’s budget (Book 2, assuming revenue) and Senate and House original proposed budgets, which are subject to change as they move through the legislature. Amounts (in millions) reflect state funds only, not federal matching funds, and show revisions to the biennial budget passed last year. Most changes are reductions due to the decreased revenue to the state this year, even after potential new funding is taken into account. New sources of federal revenue include a Part D refund (\$86 M), a CHIPRA bonus (\$7.4 M) and a hospital assessment that draws down additional federal matching funds in order to increase hospital payment rates. In addition, the House budget is contingent on additional federal funding. **All of these budgets assume substantial new state revenue, which has not yet passed either house.** Many administrative and provider reimbursement rate changes are not shown here.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	GOVERNOR BOOK 2	SENATE BUDGET	HOUSE BUDGET
<b>DSHS – MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b>				
<b>Hearing</b>	Governor only– Eliminate coverage of hearing aids and services	-1.3 M	No change	No change
<b>Part D Copayment</b>	Governor only – Eliminate Medicaid payment of Medicare Part D Rx copayments for 85,000 dual eligibles.	-10.5 M	No change	No change
<b>School-based Health Services</b>	Governor only – Eliminate Medicaid coverage of health services for special needs children (school district still obligated to provide)	-5.6 M	No change	No change
<b>Interpreter services</b>	Governor only – Eliminate Medicaid coverage of interpreter services	-4.4 M	No change	No change
<b>GAU Medical</b>	Governor - Effective September 1, 2010, limit GAU medical benefits to six months maximum per lifetime.  Senate – Limit GAU medical to 12 months in a 24 month period.  House – Disability Lifeline (HB 2782)	-76.7 M	-35.3 M	-14.4 M assumes new federal match
<b>Dental</b>	Senate only – Reduce dental payment rates to 2007 levels	No change	-4.9 M	No change
<b>Apple Health Outreach</b>	Senate only – suspend funding for outreach to enroll children in Apple Health	No change	.4 M	No change

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<b>DSHS – DEV.DISABILITIES AND LONG-TERM CARE</b>				
<b>In-home personal care hours</b>	Eliminate hours for special meal prep or incontinence	-5.1 M	-5.1 M	-5.1 M
<b>Reduce eligibility for Medicaid personal care</b>	Stricter disability criteria to disqualify 1,400 clients from personal care services	-5.5 M	5.5 M	No change
<b>Home Care</b>	Reduce home care agency patient care management	-1.2 M	-3.6 M	-.6 M
<b>Adult Day Health</b>	Phased reduction by attrition	-12.5 M	-12.5 M	-12.5 M
<b>Senior Citizen Act Funding</b>	Reduce services: information and assistance, transportation, other.	No reduction	-1.0 M	No reduction
<b>DSHS – ALCOHOL &amp; SUBSTANCE ABUSE</b>				
<b>Low-income outpatient and detox</b>	House - reduce state funding for outpatient treatment and detoxification services for clients with incomes under 200 % FPL not eligible for state-funded treatment through other programs	No change	No change	-2 M
<b>WA STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY</b>				
<b>Basic Health Plan</b>	All budgets would maintain existing program but with different number of enrollees, assuming attrition:  Governor: over 60,000  Senate: 69,000 Senate proposal would fund 36,000 of the slots through a cigarette tax.  House: 65,000	No change	No change	Assumes new savings of 56.4 M from federal matching funds)

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	House proposal is contingent on waiver from federal government. If no waiver, House would eliminate Basic Health April 2011. House also includes primary care pilot projects to provide limited coverage in Whatcom, Thurston and Spokane Counties to 3,000 uninsured people on the BH waiting list (+5.8 M)			