Testimony
Department of Human Services
Government Finance Committee
Representative Jeff Delzer, Chairman
February 12, 2014

Chairman Delzer, and members of the Government Finance Committee, I am Debra McDermott, Chief Financial Officer, for the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide an update on the status on the Department's major assistance programs, federal funding, and one-time expenditures for the 2013-2015 biennium, as well as an update on Medicaid Expansion and anticipated federal funding changes and major funding requests for the 2015-2017 biennium.

Status of Major Assistance Programs

See **Attachment A** for the Quarterly Budget Insight Report which reflects the actual number of recipients and expenditures for the major assistance programs we administer. *(This report is updated each quarter and can be found at http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/about.html)*

Status of Federal Funding 2013-2015

The Department's 2013-2015 biennial budget is approximately $3 billion, with 56% or approximately $1.7 billion being federal funds. The Department anticipates to receive the federal funds included in the budget.

One-Time Expenditures

The Department's one-time expenditures are as follows:

- **SB 2012 -**

  Mainframe Migration ($810,000) - The Department will begin to develop a mainframe migration plan in the second year of the biennium.

  Field Services Electronic Health Records System Replacement ($2,500,000) - The Electronic Health Records Project is currently in the initial planning stage. The primary project team members are being identified and the team has started defining the functional requirements and drafting the Request For Proposal.

  Demolish Refectory and Pleasant View Buildings, Life Skills and Transition Center ($220,000) – The necessary demolition specifications are currently being developed by an architect and engineer as required by NDCC 48-01.2-02. These specifications will be used by the Department to request demolition bids from vendors.

  Street Reconstruction, State Hospital ($864,714) – The Department has contracted with an engineer to develop plans and specifications for the project. The project is scheduled to open for bid March 21, 2014, and is expected to be completed this fall.

Grant to an Assisted Living Center ($425,000) – This grant payment for a center that accepts low income tenants for an expansion project was made in August, 2013.

Grant for Adaptive Skiing Program ($200,000) – The Department has paid $65,423 to date for salary and equipment costs billed by the vendor.

Grant to Ramsey County ($300,000) – The Department paid one half of the appropriated grant amount, or $150,000 in accordance with Section 12, in July, 2013.

- **HB 1358, Section 10** – Provided $9.6 million from the Strategic Investment and Improvement Fund for the purpose of administering a grant program for critical access hospitals in oil-producing counties and counties contiguous to an oil producing county. The Department paid $4.45 million in January 2014 to the nine critical access hospital that submitted grant applications.

- **SB 2018, Section 3** – Provided $400,000 for Early Childhood Service providers who care for children with disabilities or developmental delays. The Department has established grant guidelines, formed a selection committee and has informed providers of the grant opportunities. No grants have been awarded yet, however the Department has had several inquiries.

Medicaid Expansion Update

For the month of February there were 3,109 individuals enrolled for coverage in the North Dakota Medicaid expansion. While we will finalize and trend the age, gender, and location cohorts over the next three months, the early data shows that most enrollees are childless adults (there are some adults with dependent children), slightly over half of the expansion enrollees are female, a little more than half are ages 19-44 (remainder ages 45-64), and most are rural (urban covering only Burleigh and Cass counties).

While the enrollment number is less than the 20,500 the Department estimated as being potentially eligible, the Department did not have any expectations about enrollment for January 1 coverage, and anticipated enrollment would grow over time. As we have indicated before, eventual enrollment will be dependent upon the choice of individuals surrounding coverage and motivation about the individual mandate and penalties.

During testimony throughout the 2013 legislative session, the Department also projected an increase to the "traditional" Medicaid enrollment. This population is often referred to as the "woodwork" group. These are individuals who were previously eligible, but had not applied, for Medicaid coverage. The increase was expected as a result of outreach and people going to the marketplace and finding out they were eligible for Medicaid (non-expansion). While we continue to determine the increase in enrollment as a result of the woodwork group, we are seeing an increase and should be able to quantify a trend by early spring. (Medicaid enrollment for the month of November 2013 was 66,050.)

Status of Federal Funding 2015-2017

The Department is not anticipating any changes that will impact the federal funding to be received in 2015-2017 biennium.

Major Funding Requests 2015-2017

The Department has not begun to prepare the budget for the 2015-2017 biennium. The Department however, held stakeholder meetings across the state in the fall of 2013. The Department is finalizing our analysis of the stakeholder input received, which will be used for strategic planning and in the development of the 2015-2017 biennal budget proposal.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

ATTACHMENT A

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
QUARTERLY BUDGET INSIGHT
BIENNIUM TO DATE INFORMATION ON SELECTED DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS
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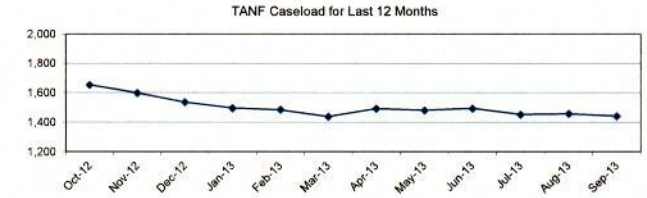
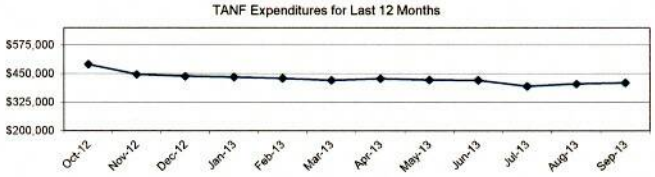
Section 1: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $14,117,625

BUDGET (7/13-09/13)		ACTUAL (7/13-09/13)			
Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost per Case	Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost per Case	Spent to Date	Percent of Appropriation Used*
1,813	$ 333	1,450	$ 278	$ 1,210,416	8.6%

PROGRAM NOTES:

Average monthly TANF recipients:	3,740
Average number of children receiving TANF benefits:	2,796
Average number of child only cases:	511
Average number of individuals participating in work activities:	962





Section 2: CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (CCA)
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $23,398,665

BUDGET (8/13-09/13)		ACTUAL (8/13-09/13)			
Monthly Avg Children for whom CCA paid	Monthly Avg Cost per Child	Monthly Avg Children for whom CCA paid	Monthly Avg Cost per Child	Spent to Date	Percent of Appropriation Used**
2,655	$ 312	2,345	$ 348	$ 1,632,307	7.0%

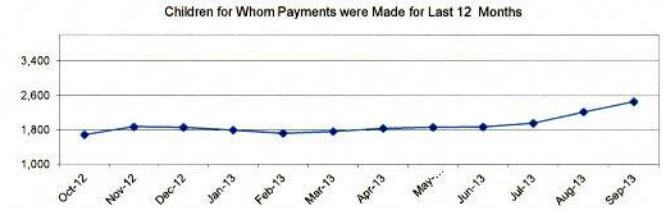
PROGRAM NOTES:

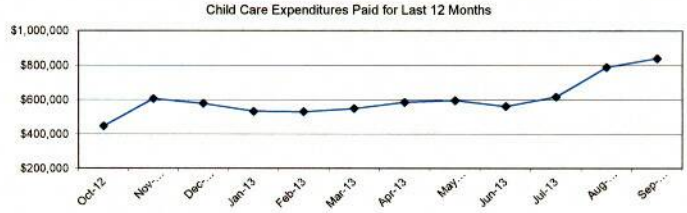
Average number of Non-TANF children:	2,055
Average number of TANF children:	282
Average number of families receiving payments:	1,412
Average payment per family:	$578

Effective October 1, 2012 the Department increased rates for licensed child care providers receiving Child Care Assistance payments for eligible families.

Effective January 1, 2013 the Department revised its policy to allow eligible families to receive child care benefits through the Child Care Assistance Program while pursuing a bachelors degree.

Effective July 1, 2013, the Department, in accordance with HB1422, changed the income eligibility level from 50% of the state median income to 85% of the state median income and family co-payments were reduced.



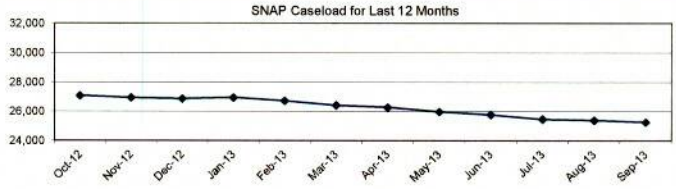


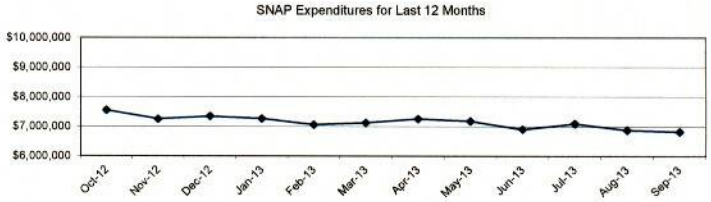
Section 3: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $201,778,650

BUDGET (7/13-09/13)		ACTUAL (7/13-09/13)			
Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost per Case	Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost per Case	Spent to Date	Percent of Appropriation Used*
27,358	$ 293	25,384	$ 273	$ 20,815,528	10.3%

PROGRAM NOTES:

Average number of individuals receiving SNAP:	54,877
Average number of children under 18 receiving SNAP:	24,977
Average number of cases with an elderly person (60 or older) :	4,890
Average number of cases with earned income:	9,707





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Section 4: LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
A THREE YEAR HEATING SEASON COMPARISON

PROGRAM NOTES:

*The LIHEAP program heating season runs each year from October 1st to May 31st.

Total benefits paid for regular and emergency heating assistance.

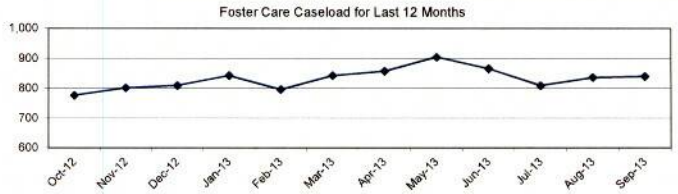
Heating Season	2011 Season*	2012 Season*	2013 Season*
Number of households receiving benefits	15,840	13,790	13,029
Average benefit per household	$ 996	$ 873	$ 1,033
Total benefits paid	$ 15,775,563	$ 12,035,429	$ 13,458,338

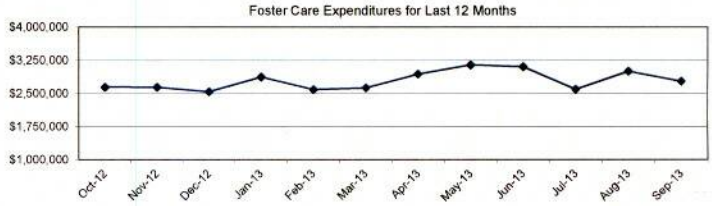
Section 5: FOSTER CARE (MAINTENANCE AND REHAB)
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $71,720,531

BUDGET (7/13-09/13)		ACTUAL (7/13-09/13)			
Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost	Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost	Spent to Date	Percent of Appropriation Used*
809	*Varied by placement*	$ 828	*See program notes*	$ 6,720,866	9.4%

PROGRAM NOTES:

Average monthly cost foster care family homes (50% of caseload):	$1,104
Average monthly cost therapeutic family foster care (25% of caseload):	$3,723
Average monthly cost Residential Child Care Facilities/Group Homes (25% of caseload):	$6,874



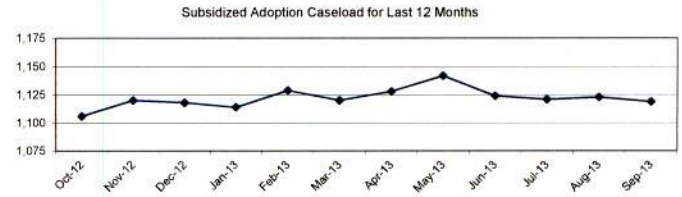


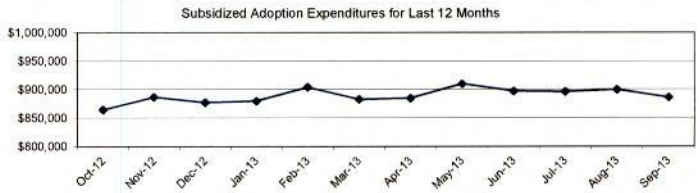
Section 6: SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $24,348,509

BUDGET (7/13-09/13)		ACTUAL (7/13-09/13)			
Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost	Monthly Avg Cases	Monthly Avg Cost	Spent to Date	Percent of Appropriation Used*
1,157	$ 825	1,121	$ 797	$ 2,681,790	11.0%

PROGRAM NOTES:

A special needs child is a child legally available for adoptive placement and who is seven years of age or older; under eighteen years of age with a physical, emotional, or mental disability or has been diagnosed to be a high risk for such a disability; a member of a minority; or a member of a sibling group.



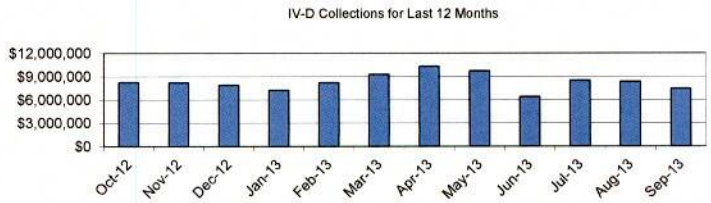


Section 7 - CHILD SUPPORT

PROGRAM NOTES:

A IV-D case receives full services and is created when the program receives an application for services from one of the parents, a referral from a department program (TANF, Foster Care, and Medicaid), or a request for assistance from another state's program.

A NonIV-D case is one in which there is a child support order but the program has not received an application, a referral, a request for assistance: or which was previously a IV-D case that was subsequently closed.



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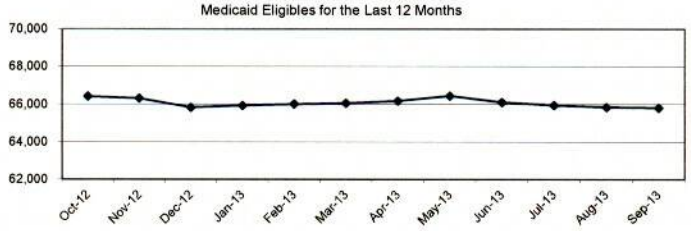
Section 8 - MEDICAID ELIGIBLES AND RECIPIENTS
2013-2015 BIENNIUM

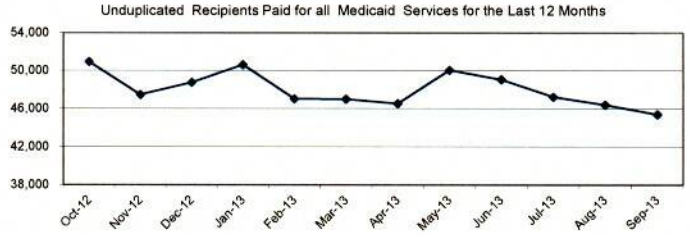
Comparison of Eligible's	Oct-12	Sep-13	Difference
Under age 21	36,817	36,732	(85)
Over age 65 (Aged)	7,765	7,845	80
Disabled	10,480	10,372	(108)
Adults	11,361	10,870	(491)
Total	66,423	65,819	(604)

PROGRAM NOTES:
Eligible's include all Medical Assistance and Long Term Care Continuum Medicaid eligible's with the exception of SPED and Expanded SPED.

For the last twelve months approximately 55% of the above eligible's were under the age of 21, 12% were classified as aged, 16% were disabled, and 17% were adults.

Fluctuation in recipients due to the timing of when claims are received and processed for payment.

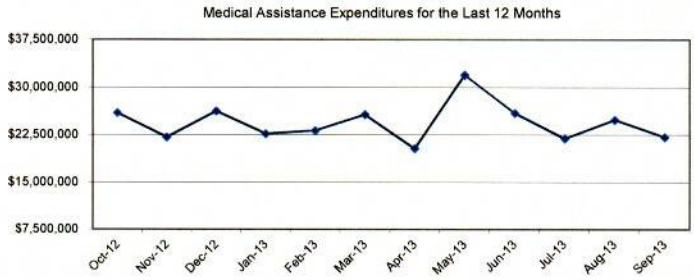




Section 9 - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $803,655,424

	Actual Paid (8/13-09/13)			
Service	Monthly Average Number of People Receiving	Monthly Average Cost Per Person	Spent to Date	Percentage of Appropriation Used**
Inpatient Hospital	1,004	6,482	13,010,223	7.1%
Outpatient Hospital	8,077	364	5,881,469	8.1%
Physician	21,528	208	8,955,986	7.4%
Net Drugs (Includes Rebates)	16,370	99	3,236,440	7.3%
Dental	4,087	279	2,277,339	7.9%
Healthy Steps	4,031	278	2,238,949	6.8%
Other	- -	- -	11,526,065	3.6%
Total Medical Assistance Expenditures to Date			$ 47,126,471	5.9%

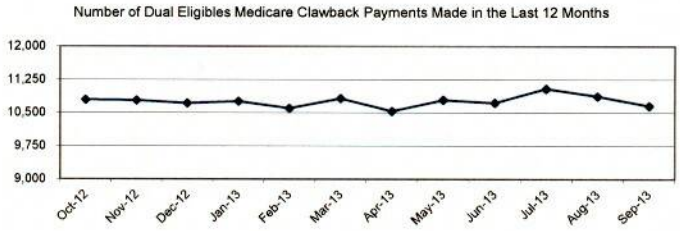
PROGRAM NOTES:
Fluctuations in expenses due to the timing of when payments are made.

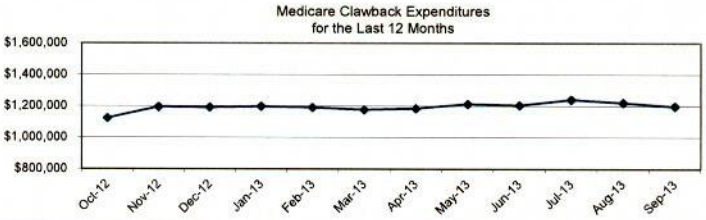


Section 10 - MEDICARE CLAWBACK
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $29,735,664

Budget (8/13-09/13)		Actual Paid (8/13-09/13)			
Monthly Average Number of People Receiving	Monthly Average Cost Per Person	Monthly Average Number of People Receiving	Monthly Average Cost Per Person	Spent to Date	Percentage of Appropriation Used**
10,780	111	10,766	112	$ 2,420,515	8.1%

PROGRAM NOTES:





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Section 11: MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $2,375,003

PROGRAM NOTES:
The Money Follows the Person program started in 2008 and assists people who want to move from institutional settings back to the community. The program is also designed to increase community-based long term care services and supports.

In the last three calendar years 97.5% of the transitions were to a home living arrangement while 2.5% were to an assisted living facility.

The appropriation contains funding for contractual services, which includes transition coordination services, outreach services, recipient transitional costs, and other housing and support services.

		Calendar Year		
Transfer From	Transfer To	2011	2012	To Date 2013
Older Adult in a Nursing Facility	Home or Assisted Living Facility	5	13	10
Individual with Physical Disability in a Nursing Facility	Home or Assisted Living Facility	8	21	14
Individual with a Intellectual Disability in a ICF/ID*	Home or Assisted Living Facility	19	12	17
Children in an ICF/ID*	Home or Assisted Living Facility	-	1	-
Total		**32**	**47**	**41**

*ICF/ID - Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled

Section 12 - LONG TERM CARE CONTINUUM
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $607,036,256

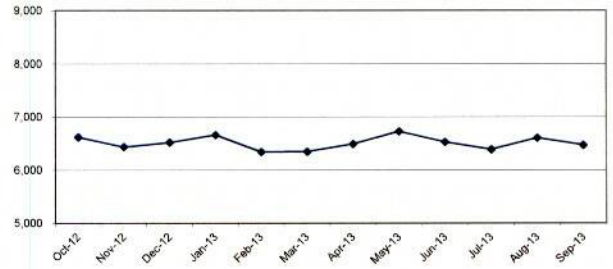
	Budget (8/13-09/13)		Actual Paid (8/13-09/13)			
Service	Monthly Average Units of Service	Monthly Average Cost Per Unit	Monthly Average Units of Service	Monthly Average Cost Per Unit	Spent to Date	Percentage of Appropriation Used**
Nursing Homes **(& Hospice)**	98,642	203	99,981	197	39,387,007	7.9%
Basic Care	19,065	83	19,693	67	2,653,582	6.8%

Service	Monthly Average Number of People	Monthly Average Cost Per Person	Monthly Average Number of People	Monthly Average Cost Per Person	Spent to Date	Percentage of Appropriation Used**
SPED	1,235	464	1,195	450	1,074,698	7.0%
Expanded SPED	161	279	128	348	88,745	6.5%
HCBS Waiver	333	1,450	297	1,585	939,920	7.7%
Targeted Case Management	492	141	476	143	135,868	7.9%
Personal Care Option	628	1,779	612	1,825	2,232,499	7.9%
Tech. Dep. Waiver	1	10,570	1	14,133	28,266	7.3%
Medically Fragile Waiver	4	1,268	5	1,436	14,357	10.3%
PACE	78	4,729	78	6,711	1,046,974	10.2%
Children's Hospice Waiver	1	2,495	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Long-Term Care Continuum Expenditures to Date					$ 47,601,916	7.8%

PROGRAM NOTES:
A unit is equal to one day of service.

Fluctuations in expenses due to the timing of when payments are made.

Recipient Claims Paid for all Long Term Care Continuum for the Last 12 Months



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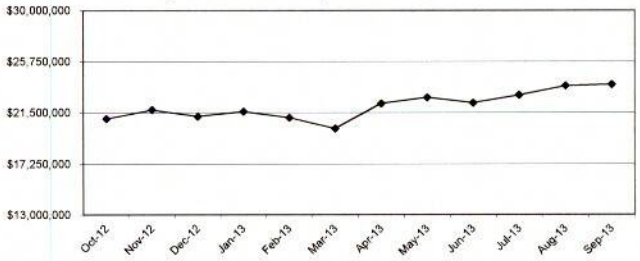

Section 13 - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
APPROPRIATION 2013-2015 BIENNIUM $502,717,325

	Actual Paid (8/13-09/13)			
Service	Monthly Average Number of People Receiving	Monthly Average Cost Per Person	Spent to Date	Percentage of Appropriation Used**
ICF/ID	434	14,944	12,956,394	7.8%
ISLA	828	5,440	9,002,784	8.6%
MSLA	243	7,048	3,418,287	9.3%
Day Supports	1,175	2,509	5,895,291	7.5%
Other			8,664,648	7.4%
Total Developmental Disabilities Expenditures to Date			$ 39,937,404	7.9%

PROGRAM NOTES:
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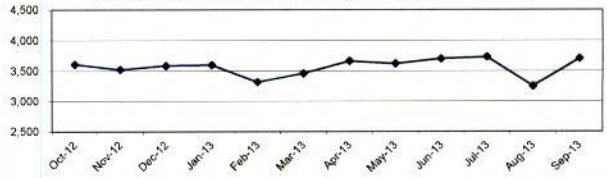

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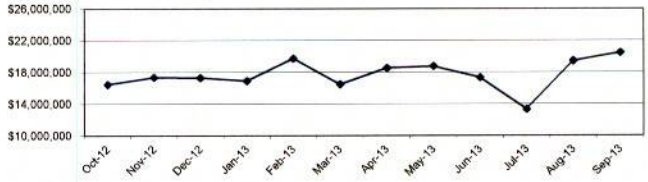

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Section 14: AUTISM SERVICES
APPROPRIATION 2013- 2015 BIENNIUM $3,429,640

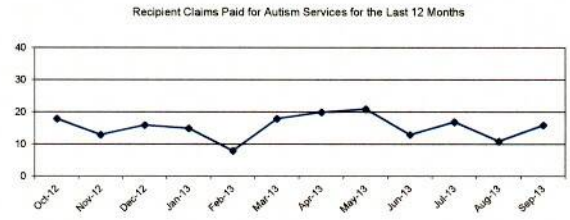
	Actual Paid (8/13-9/13)			
Service	Monthly Average Number of People Receiving	Monthly Average Cost Per Person	Spent to Date	Percentage of Appropriation Used**
Autism Waiver	14	1,392	$ 37,583	1.3%
Autism Voucher Program*				

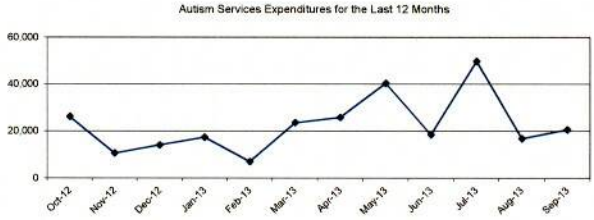
PROGRAM NOTES:

The Medicaid Autism Waiver, approved by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, provides services for individuals from birth through age five. At this time the Department is seeking approval to extend the waiver through age seven, based upon 2013 House Bill 1038.

The Autism Voucher program, which was authorized in 2013 House Bill 1038, assists in funding equipment and general educational needs for individuals, below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level, from age three up to age eighteen and who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. These services are funded from the state general fund.

*July 2014 implementation





Section 15 - CENSUS DATA FOR INSTITUTIONS
2013-2015 BIENNIUM

	Average daily census -State Hospital				*Average daily census-LSTC*
	Traditional Services	Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections Center	Secure Services	Total average daily census-State Hospital	Life Skills and Transition Center*
Oct-12	111	85	63	259	93
Sep-13	106	87	64	257	86
Difference	(5)	2	1	(2)	(7)

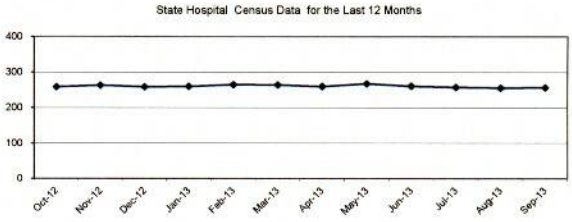
PROGRAM NOTES:

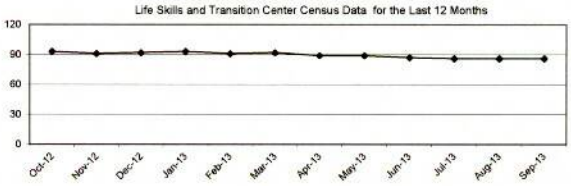
The State Hospital traditional services include short-term acute inpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment, intermediate psycho-social rehabilitation services, and safety-net services for adults.

Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections Center provides alcohol and drug treatment for inmates from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The secure services unit of the State Hospital provides inpatient evaluation and treatment services for civilly committed sex offenders.

*Formerly known as the Developmental Center.





Percent of Biennium Expired 8.3% - Payments for Child Care, Developmental Disabilities, Long Term Care, Medical Assistance, Autism Services, and Medicare Clawback are made when a billing for the previous month's services have been received. Therefore, approximately 2 months of payments have been made or 8.3% (2/24) of the biennium has expired.