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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chairman, House Finance Committee  
The Honorable Ryan W. Pearson  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

**From:** Jonathan Womer  
Director, Office of Management & Budget

**Date:** May 21, 2021

**Subject:** **Amendments to the FY 2021 Revised Appropriations Act (21-H-6121)**

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The Governor requests that several amendments be made to Article 1 of the FY 2021 Revised Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Revised Appropriations in Support of FY 2021. A description of the amendments requested is provided below.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about these requested changes

JW: 21-Amend-7

Attachments

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor  
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Joseph Codega Jr., Deputy Budget Officer

**ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY  
2021 SECTION 1, REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2021**

**Department of Administration**

Increase General Revenue in the General Program, Page 4, Line 2 by \$200,000 from \$600,000 to \$800,000. This amendment aligns the level of financing in the Tort/Court Award fund with anticipated FY2021 outlays as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DOA1).

Decrease General Revenue in the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange Program, Page 5, Line 27 by \$69,509 from \$1,369,654 to \$1,300,145. This amendment aligns the level of financing with updated Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) interagency cost allocations as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DOA2).

**Department of Revenue**

Decrease General Revenue in the Municipal Finance Program, Page 10, Line 16 by \$175,345 from \$887,441 to \$712,096. This amendment aligns the level of financing with the increased savings from higher than expected staff turnover as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DOR1).

Decrease General Revenue in the Taxation Program, Page 10, Line 18 by \$1,101,372 from \$31,634,837 to \$30,533,465. This amendment aligns the level of financing with the increased savings from higher than expected staff turnover as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DOR2).

No net change to General Revenue in the Registry of Motor Vehicles Program, Page 10, Line 26. This zero-sum amendment is comprised of two fully-offsetting adjustments: (1) Savings of \$806,696 from higher than expected staff turnover as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DOR3); and (2) Increases totaling \$806,696 for maintenance and operation of the Rhode Island Motor Vehicle System necessitated by the lapse of non-recurring Information Technology Investment Fund financing coupled with a reduction in information technology surcharge receipts related to the lower volume of transactions in the first half of FY 2021. Both components are reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DOR4).

Decrease Restricted Receipts in the Register of Motor Vehicles Program, Page 10, Line 28 by \$1,899,520 from \$3,400,411 to \$1,500,891. This amendment corrects the previously inflated funding cap and aligns the level of financing with the anticipated shortfall of information technology surcharge receipts (21-DOR4).

Decrease General Revenue in the Collections Program, Page 12, Line 2 by \$112,278 from \$792,634 to \$680,356. This amendment aligns the level of financing with both the increased savings from higher than expected staff turnover (21-DOR5) and a reduction in operating expenses as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DOR6).

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Taxation Program, Page 10, Line 20 by \$355,561 from \$1,368,412 to \$1,723,973. This amendment represents the projected expenditures for the first projects eligible for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reimbursement pursuant to RIGL §42-64.21 for FY 2021. The disbursement schedule is available from OMB (21-DOR7).

**General Treasurer**

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Unclaimed Property Program, Page 13, Line 18 by \$5,300,000 from \$25,768,675 to \$31,068,675. This amendment aligns the level of financing within the Unclaimed Property program with the amounts adopted by the May 2021 Revenue Estimating Conference (21-TREAS1).

**Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

Increase General Revenues in the Central Management Program, Page 14, Line 12 by \$1,132,201 from \$34,857,173 to \$35,989,374. This adjustment seeks to align the latest federally approved cost allocations

between state agencies and state and federal funds for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) as reported in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-EOHHS1).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Central Management Program, Page 14, Line 13 by \$1,515,253 from \$166,070,088 to \$164,554,835. This adjustment seeks to align the latest federally approved cost allocations between state agencies and state and federal funds for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) as reported in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-EOHHS1).

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Central Management Program, Page 14, Line 14 by \$166,125 from \$16,251,133 to \$16,417,258. This adjustment seeks to align the latest federally approved cost allocations between state agencies and state and federal funds for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) as reported in the third quarter report (21-EOHHS1).

Increase General Revenues Managed Care – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 18 by \$935,485 from \$302,433,014 to \$303,368,499. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Decrease General Revenues Hospitals – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 19 by \$777,319 from \$88,210,216 to \$887,432,897. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Decrease General Revenues Nursing Facilities – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 20 by \$13,140,060 from \$144,147,300 to \$131,007,240. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Increase General Revenues Home and Community Based Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 21 by \$1,826,666 from \$33,764,434 to \$35,591,100. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Increase General Revenues Other Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 22 by \$92,363 from \$112,828,509 to \$112,920,872. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Decrease General Revenues Pharmacy – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 23 by \$5,404,579 from \$63,453,492 to \$58,060,010. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Increase General Revenues Rhody Health – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 24 by \$1,204,725 from \$166,120,425 to \$167,325,150. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Increase Federal Funds Managed Care – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 26 by \$2,755,752 from \$496,675,749 to \$499,675,749. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Decrease Federal Funds Hospitals – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 27 by \$960,162 from \$110,028,300 to \$109,068,138. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Decrease Federal Funds Nursing Facilities – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 28 by \$22,259,940 from \$218,852,700 to \$196,592,760. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Increase Federal Funds Home and Community Based Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 29 by \$2,149,518 from \$51,259,382 to \$53,408,900. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Increase Federal Funds Other Services – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 30 by \$8,962,637 from \$668,301,491 to \$677,264,128. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Increase Federal Funds Pharmacy – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 31 by

\$680,469 from (\$740,479) to (\$60,010). This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

Decrease Federal Funds Rhody Health – Medical Assistance Program, Page 14, Line 32 by \$3,320,615 from \$252,195,465 to \$248,874,850. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Medicaid expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-EOHHS2).

### **Department of Children, Youth, and Families**

Zero-sum Federal Funds adjustment in the Child Welfare program, Page 15, Line 25. The Governor’s recommendation assumed \$2,500,000 in the childcare program from the TANF block grant. To align with federal eligibility rules, this amendment adjusts the allocation between appropriation accounts applicable to the childcare and home and community-based services programs in the amount of \$1,232,348. An equivalent but opposite shift of enacted general revenue resources between these programs is likewise recommended, but does not require an amendment, as there is no accounting adjustment required (21-DCYF1).

Increase Federal Funds in the Child Welfare Program, Page 15, Line 25 by \$1,772,639 from \$68,878,406 to \$70,651,045. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families received supplemental Chafee funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to continue support for persons who aged out of DCYF care during the COVID-19 pandemic to receive critical funding and supports for a limited period of time (21-DCYF2).

### **Department of Human Services**

Increase General Revenues in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 18, Line 7 by \$1,462,232 from \$33,125,201 to \$34,587,433. This increase is comprised of the following two adjustments: (1) An increase of \$2,074,306 for unachieved turnover as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DHS4); and (2) A downward revision of \$612,074 to align the latest federally approved cost allocations between state agencies and state and federal funds for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) as reported in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DHS3).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 18, Line 8 by \$3,344,887 from \$162,677,344 to \$159,332,457. This decrease is comprised of the following two adjustments: (1) The Governor’s recommendation contained COVID-19 related childcare funding from the CARES Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act in the IFS program. As determined through the CEC process, a portion of the COVID related funding is being shifted to the Rhode Island Works/Child Care program, as noted in 21-DHS1. This amendment reallocates funding of

\$1,303,200 to the appropriate line items (21-DHS2); and (2) A downward adjustment of \$2,041,687 that seeks to align the latest federally approved cost allocations between state agencies and state and federal funds for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) as reported in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DHS3).

Decrease General Revenue in the Office of Veterans Services program, Page 18, Line 15 by \$2,340,703 from \$18,058,239 to \$15,717,536. This surplus resulted from significant general revenue relief at the Rhode Island Veterans’ Home provided via FEMA during the COVID-19 pandemic, as reflected in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DHS5).

Decrease General Revenues in the Health Care Eligibility program, Page 18, Line 21 by \$1,686,873 from \$7,797,484 to \$6,110,611. This decrease is comprised of the following two adjustments: (1) A decrease of \$1,236,255 representing a surplus in the Health Care Eligibility program stemming from updated personnel cost allocations determined by “random moment time studies”, as reported in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DHS4); and (2) A downward adjustment of \$450,618 that seeks to align the latest federally approved cost allocations between state agencies and state and federal funds for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) as reported in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DHS3).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Health Care Eligibility program, Page 18, Line 22 by \$1,417,822 from \$12,032,927 to \$10,615,105. This adjustment seeks to align the latest federally approved cost allocations between state agencies and state and federal funds for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (“UHIP”) as reported in the OMB Third Quarter Report (21-DHS3).

Decrease General Revenues in the Supplemental Security Income Program, Page 18, Line 25 by \$73,384 from \$18,558,000 to 18,484,616. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of SSI expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-DHS1).

Decrease General Revenues in the Rhode Island Works Program, Page 18, Line 27 by \$613,163 from \$8,981,094 to \$8,367,931. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Child Care Assistance Program expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-DHS1).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Rhode Island Works Program, Page 18, Line 28 by \$12,509,470 from \$75,400,106 to \$62,890,636. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of Child Care Assistance Program and the Rhode Island Works program expenditures with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference. This is inclusive of a \$3,146,583 million decrease in RI Works TANF federal funding, as well as a \$9,362,887 decrease in federal funding for the Child Care Assistance Program. The federal funds decrease includes an accurate accounting of the COVID-related actions taken by the agency relating to the CCAP subsidies (21-DHS1).

Decrease General Revenues in Other Programs, Page 18, Line 31 by \$88,016 from \$908,960 to \$820,944. This adjustment aligns the level of financing within this category of General Public Assistance expenditure with caseloads as adopted by the May 2021 Caseload Estimating Conference (21-DHS1).

### **Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals**

Increase General Revenues in the Central Management Program, Page 19, Line 20 by \$300,817 from \$3,984,343 to \$4,285,160. This adjustment aligns recommended expenditures in this program with the Third Quarter Report based on recent adjustments to the BHDDH cost allocation plan (21-BHDDH2).

Decrease General Revenues in the Hospital and Community System Support Program, Page 19, Line 24 by \$1,157,531 from \$2,850,100 to \$1,692,569. This adjustment aligns recommended expenditures in this program with the Third Quarter Report based on recent adjustments to the BHDDH cost allocation plan (21-BHDDH2).

Increase General Revenues in the Services for the Developmentally Disabled Program, Page 19, Line 32 by \$3,802,271 from \$120,784,176 to \$124,586,447. This adjustment aligns recommended expenditures in

this program with the Third Quarter Report based on recent adjustments to the BHDDH cost allocation plan (21-BHDDH2).

Decrease General Revenues in the Behavioral Healthcare Services Program Page 20, Line 7 by \$463,410 from \$2,544,303 to \$2,080,893. This adjustment aligns recommended expenditures in this program with the Third Quarter Report based on recent adjustments to the BHDDH cost allocation plan (21-BHDDH2).

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Behavioral Healthcare Services Program, Page 20, Line 9, by \$100,000 from \$2,062,281 to \$2,162,281. The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, received additional funding from Vibrant Emotional Health's National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 9-8-8 State Planning Grant Initiative to help Rhode Island address key coordination, capacity, funding, and communication strategies to support the launch of the national 9-8-8 hotline. This amendment adds these resources in the Appropriations Act to reflect this new award (21-BHDDH1).

Decrease General Revenues in the Hospital and Community Rehabilitative Services Program, Page 20, Line 12 by \$4,681,211 from \$119,400,651 to \$114,719,440. This adjustment aligns recommended expenditures in this program with the Third Quarter Report based on recent adjustments to the BHDDH cost allocation plan (21-BHDDH2).

### **Rhode Island Department of Education**

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy program, Page 21, Line 21 by \$590,000 from \$2,679,345 to \$3,269,345. This amendment restores financing for behavioral health training from the Opioid Stewardship Fund inadvertently excluded from the FY 2021 Governor's Revised Recommended Budget (21-RIDE1).

Increase General Revenue in the Education Aid program, Page 22, Line 21 by \$153,000 from \$987,621,657 to \$987,774,657. The Rhode Island Department of Education's updated calculation of Group Home Aid increased financing in support of the aid to reflect additional beds in Portsmouth and Providence (21-RIDE2).

### **Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner**

Decrease General Revenue in the Office of Postsecondary Commissioner program, Page 23, Line 12 by \$98,864 from \$16,850,664 to \$16,751,800. This decrease is comprised of the following adjustments: (1) An increase of \$35,000 in general operating costs stemming from a relocation that did not go forward as planned and thus resulted in expected savings in phone and internet costs going unrealized (21-OPC1); and (2) A reduction of \$133,864 in FY 2021 Rhode Island Promise Scholarship funds, based on Community College of Rhode Island's updated calculations of utilization and cost through the end of the fiscal year (21-OPC2).

Page 23, Line 16: Strike "\$7,233,864" and replace with "\$7,100,000".

### **Department of Public Safety**

Decrease Federal Funds in the E-911 Emergency Telephone System program, Page 30, Line 29, by \$1,851,817 from \$2,351,817 to \$500,000. This amendment reallocates Coronavirus Relief Funds from the E-911 program to the State Police program to support a projected general revenue shortfall for salary and benefits (21-DPS1).

Increase Restricted Receipts in the E-911 Emergency Telephone System program, Page 30, Line 30, by \$1,851,817 from \$4,804,047 to \$6,619,864. This amendment increases financing for salary and benefit expenditures from the E-911 Surcharge Fee restricted account to offset the recommended CRF reallocation from the E-911 program to the State Police program (21-DPS1).

Increase Federal Funds in the State Police program, Page 31, Line 8, by \$1,851,817 from \$44,192,248 to \$46,044,065. This amendment reallocates Coronavirus Relief Funds from the E-911 program to the State Police program to support a projected general revenue shortfall for salary and benefits (21-DPS1).

Increase Other Funds in the State Police program, Page 31, Line 12 by \$317,475 from \$2,655,588 to \$2,973,063. This amendment increases financing in the Road Construction Reimbursement account to accommodate the purchases of vehicles from the accumulated fund balance in the account (21-DPS2).

**Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2021 Revised Appropriations Act (21-H-6121)**

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (21-AGENCY#)
<b>FY 2021 Revised Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)</b>	<b>3,881,632,888</b>	<b>7,059,148,271</b>	<b>353,183,517</b>	<b>2,456,273,300</b>	<b>13,750,237,976</b>	
<b>April 12 Amendments</b>	<b>(6,901,092)</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>			<b>2,098,908</b>	
<b>April 19 Amendments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,989,824)</b>	<b>632,189</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,357,635)</b>	
<b>May 21 Amendments</b>						
<b>Department of Administration</b>						
<i>Anticipated Increase to Outlays from the Tort Fund - Q3</i>	200,000				200,000	21-DOA1
<i>Updated UHIP Interagency Cost Allocations - Q3</i>	(69,509)				(69,509)	21-DOA2
<b>Department of Revenue</b>						
<i>Turnover in Municipal Finance - Q3</i>	(175,345)				(175,345)	21-DOR1
<i>Turnover in Taxation - Q3</i>	(1,101,372)				(1,101,372)	21-DOR2
<i>Turnover in Registry of Motor Vehicles - Q3</i>	(806,696)				(806,696)	21-DOR3
<i>Maintenance and Operation of RIMS - Q3</i>	806,696		(1,899,520)		(1,092,824)	21-DOR4
<i>Turnover in Collections - Q3</i>	(61,178)				(61,178)	21-DOR5
<i>Collections-Projected Operating Savings - Q3</i>	(51,100)				(51,100)	21-DOR6
<i>Taxation TIF</i>			355,561		355,561	21-DOR7
<b>General Treasurer</b>						
<i>Unclaimed Property Adjustments from May 2021 Revenue Estimating Conference</i>			5,300,000		5,300,000	21-TREAS1
<b>Executive Office of Health and Human Services</b>						
<i>UHIP Cost Allocation Shift to EOHHS - Q3</i>	1,132,201	(1,515,253)	166,125		(216,927)	21-EOHHS1
<i>Reconcile to May 2021 CEC Adopted Estimates: Medical Assistance - Q3</i>	(15,251,622)	(11,992,341)			(27,243,963)	21-EOHHS2
<b>Department of Children, Youth, and Families</b>						
<i>Zero Sum Reallocation of TANF Block Grant</i>		[\$1,232,348]			-	21-DCYF1
<i>Supplemental Chafee Award</i>		1,772,639			1,772,639	21-DCYF2
<b>Department of Human Services</b>						
<i>Reconcile to May 2021 CEC Adopted Estimates</i>	(774,563)	(12,509,470)			(13,284,033)	21-DHS1
<i>Other COVID Childcare Account Adjustments - IFS</i>		(1,303,200)			(1,303,200)	21-DHS2
<i>UHIP Cost Allocation Shift to EOHHS - Q3</i>	(1,062,692)	(3,459,509)			(4,522,201)	21-DHS3
<i>DHS Q3 Report Adjustments- IFS/HCE</i>	838,051				838,051	21-DHS4
<i>Vets Q3 Adjustments</i>	(2,340,703)				(2,340,703)	21-DHS5
<b>Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals</b>						
<i>9-8-8 State Planning Grant Initiative</i>			100,000		100,000	21-BHDDH1
<i>Q3 Report Adjustments</i>	(2,199,064)				(2,199,064)	21-BHDDH2
<b>Rhode Island Department of Education</b>						
<i>Opioid Stewardship Fund: Reconcile to FY 2021 Enacted Budget</i>			590,000		590,000	21-RIDE1
<i>Group Home Aid: December Update</i>	153,000				153,000	21-RIDE2
<b>Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner</b>						
<i>Operational Cost Overages - Q3</i>	35,000				35,000	21-OPC1
<i>RI Promise Adjustment - Q3</i>	(133,864)				(133,864)	21-OPC2
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>						
<i>CRF Reallocation from E-911 to State Police</i>		[\$1,851,817]	1,851,817		1,851,817	21-DPS1
<i>Road Construction Reimbursement: Vehicle Purchase</i>				317,475	317,475	21-DPS2
<b>Total</b>	<b>(20,862,760)</b>	<b>(29,007,134)</b>	<b>6,463,983</b>	<b>317,475</b>	<b>(43,088,436)</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,853,869,036</b>	<b>7,022,151,313</b>	<b>360,279,689</b>	<b>2,456,590,775</b>	<b>13,692,890,813</b>	