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Maryland Department of Health  
Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget  
Response to the Department of Legislative Services  
Prevention and Health Promotion Administration Budget Analysis

House Appropriations Committee  
Health and Social Services Subcommittee  
Chair Kirill Reznik  
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Health and Human Services Subcommittee  
Chair Melony Griffith  
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### Policy Questions

*Considering recent underspending of MADAP rebate funds in the first four years of the spending plan, PHPA should discuss any potential impact this has on future rebate or Ryan White Part B revenues. PHPA should also explain what has caused the persistent underspending and discuss how it would spend additional rebate funding if more is available in fiscal 2021 than is currently budgeted. (pg. 16)*

**1. PHPA should discuss any potential impact this has on future rebate or Ryan White Part B revenues.**

PHPA does not predict any impact to future rebate or Ryan White Part B revenues as a result of underspending of MADAP rebate funds in the first four years of the spending plan.

**2. PHPA should also explain what has caused the persistent underspending**

Our current system of care is primarily managed through local health departments. In local health departments, underspending versus award is the result of staffing vacancies, delays in subrecipient contracting, and workforce shortage.

Development of capacity at local health departments and other contractors has been maximized based on jurisdictional priority and community need. Capacity development has also been subject to the same staffing limitations.

Expansion of the provider network has begun; however, these investments have been calculated to ensure that smaller organizations are not overwhelmed with growing programmatically without the infrastructure to support growth.

**3. Discuss how it would spend additional rebate funding if more is available in fiscal 2021 than is currently budgeted.**

If additional rebate funding were to become available in FY 2021, PHPA is prepared for proportionate spending to increase the capacity of current providers and to expand the provider network.

**Budget Questions**

*PHPA should discuss whether it believes the fiscal 2021 appropriation for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program is adequate to cover the estimated treatment costs. (pg. 12)*

The Department believes the FY 2021 appropriation for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program is adequate to cover the estimated treatment costs. The Department will continue to monitor expenditures in this program.

*The Department of Legislative Services recommends deleting the double-budgeted federal funds. (pgs. 2, 17, 24)*

The Department concurs with the recommendation.