

**M00A**  
**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**  
**Office of the Secretary**

**Budget Amendments**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**M00A01.01 Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation intended for the executive direction of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may not be expended until the department convenes a workgroup of interested parties to:

- (1) examine the sustainability of special fund revenues supporting the Medicaid program;
- (2) examine the significant drivers of costs in the Medicaid program; and
- (3) make recommendations to reduce expenditures and expenditure growth in the Medicaid program through program restructuring or any other means. In developing these recommendations, the workgroup shall incorporate recommendations being developed by other existing workgroups working on Medicaid-related reforms.

The department shall submit a report based on the workgroup’s findings and recommendations to the budget committees by December 15, 2011, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** The language withholds funds in the Office of the Secretary pending the receipt of a report examining the financing and cost drivers of the Medicaid program and ways to reduce expenditures and expenditure growth.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>		
Medicaid program savings	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	December 15, 2011		
Reduce appropriation for the purposes indicated:			<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Positions</u></b>
1. Delete outside contract funds for health care reform activities. The fiscal 2011 budget included \$250,000 for outside contract support for the implementation of federal health care reform, specifically supporting the work of the Governor’s Health Care Reform			167,000	GF