FY 2012-13: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Summary: Conference Report

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		Difference: Conference					
	FY 2011-12 YTD	FY 2012-13	FY 2012-13	FY 2012-13	FY 2012-13	FY 2012-13 From FY 2011-12	
	as of 2/9/12	Executive	House	Senate	Conference	Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$35,821,900	\$31,241,700	\$30,581,300	\$31,241,700	\$30,581,300	(\$5,240,600)	(14.6)
Federal	5,496,420,500	5,394,076,700	5,530,111,200	5,386,656,100	100 5,384,799,500 ((111,621,000)	(2.0)
Local	28,679,500	33,549,200	31,182,400	31,448,000	32,529,400	3,849,900	13.4
Private	16,136,400	16,375,800	10,619,700	16,415,000	7,876,600	(8,259,800) (51.	(51.2)
Restricted	123,701,000	88,847,000	82,476,400	87,772,300	0 86,901,500 (36,	(36,977,500)	(29.7)
GF/GP	1,047,330,500	1,028,796,400	1,015,889,600	991,406,500	1,011,143,900	(36, 186, 600)	(3.5)
Gross	\$6,748,089,800	\$6,592,886,800	\$6,700,860,600	\$6,544,939,600	\$6,553,832,200	(194,257,600)	(2.9)
FTEs	11,546.5	11,208.5	11,544.2	11,187.0	11,764.0	217.5	1.9

Notes: (1) FY 2011-12 year-to-date (YTD) figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 9, 2012, as well as adjustments for Other Post Employment Benefit prefunding under Senate Bill 683.

Overview

The Department of Human Services (DHS) administers a wide range of programs and services to assist Michigan's most vulnerable families, including public assistance programs that provide direct cash support as well as assistance with food and emergency needs. The DHS is also charged with protecting children and assisting families by administering foster care, adoption and family preservation programs, and by enforcing child support laws. The DHS is also responsible for delivering juvenile justice services and for licensing day care, adult foster care, and child welfare agencies in the state.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2011-12 YTD Appropriations		FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date (as of 2/9/12)	FY 2012-13 Conference <u>Change</u>
1. Adjustments to Current Services Baseline	FTE	NA	0.0
Conference reduces funding \$78.8 million Gross (\$26.6 million GF/GP) from	Gross	NA	(\$78,813,400)
reviewing historic and current expenditures, lapses, and transfers in prior	IDG	NA	(660,400)
fiscal years. Adjustments also reduced TANF funding \$16.2 million. Senate	Federal	NA	(40,584,500)
and House make similar adjustments. As background, DHS lapsed \$43.5	Local	NA	(754,800)
million in GF/GP authorization and \$75.1 million in federal TANF funds in	Private	NA	(8,333,200)
FY 2010-11.	Restricted	NA	(1,870,700)
	GF/GP	NA	(\$26,609,800)
2. GF/GP Offset with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Gross	NA	\$0
Conference concurs with Senate and increases federal TANF block grant	Federal	NA	10,892,800
funding in the family independence program line item to offset GF/GP. TANF is available from adjustments made to the current services baseline in item 1.	GF/GP	NA	(\$10,892,800)
3. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Fund Source	Gross	NA	\$0
Deduct	Federal	NA	(579,039,800)
Conference concurs with House and unrolls the federal Temporary	TANF	NA	579,039,800
Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant from the general "total federal revenues" fund source deduct into its own appropriations fund source deduct.	GF/GP	NA	\$0

⁽²⁾ Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including both standard line items and appropriations designated as one-time.

⁽³⁾ Information in this document labeled "House" reflects Article X of House Bill 5365 (H-2) as amended, as passed by the House.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2011-12 YTD Appropriations		FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date (as of 2/9/12)	FY 2012-13 Conference <u>Change</u>
 4. Child Welfare Caseload Adjustments Reduces funding for child welfare programs \$21.0 million Gross (\$10.1 million GF/GP) as follows: Foster care payments increase \$3.1 million Gross (\$3.4 million GF/GP reduction) from 7,200 cases at \$24,378 per year to 6,948 cases at \$23,737 per year. Adoption subsidies reduce \$6.6 million Gross (\$1.4 million GF/GP) from 27,450 cases at \$652.50 per month to 26,925 cases at \$648.59 per month. The County Child Care Fund is reduced \$20.0 million Gross (\$7.5 million GF/GP). Guardianship assistance payments are increased \$2.6 million Gross (\$2.1 million GF/GP). 	Gross	\$615,071,400	(\$21,001,400)
	Federal	337,939,800	(14,461,300)
	Local	13,388,800	3,341,000
	Private	1,400,000	200,000
	GF/GP	\$262,342,800	(\$10,081,100)
5. Child Welfare Staffing Conference increases \$23.3 million Gross (\$7.3 million GF/GP) to hire 577.0 additional child welfare staff in order to be in compliance with the case-to-staff ratios required by the Children's Rights settlement agreement. On May 22, DHS requested 307 new child protective services, 174 new direct care, and 96 1st line supervisors and will hire these staff during FY 2012-13. Boilerplate requires funding to be transferred to other line items to be expended. Annualized cost for new staff will be \$49.6 million Gross.	FTE	NA	577.0
	Gross	NA	\$23,320,300
	Federal	NA	16,027,300
	GF/GP	NA	\$7,293,000
6. Private Child Welfare Agency Rate Increases Conference increases \$12.2 million Gross (\$7.3 million GF/GP) to increase residential rates for the facilities whose per diem is below the median rate, to provide a \$37 administrative rate for trial reunification, to provide training reimbursements for private agencies, and to increase special independent living rates. Senate and House also increase private agency rates.	Gross Federal Local GF/GP	NA NA NA NA	\$12,248,600 4,209,000 735,000 \$7,304,600
7. Foster Family Rate Increase Conference concurs with Executive and House and increases \$11.3 million Gross (\$6.3 million GF/GP) to increase foster family rates \$3.00 per child per day. New rate would be implemented for current foster care cases, new guardianship assistance cases, and new adoption subsidy cases. Senate revises cost estimation for foster care rate increase and does not provide funding to increase new guardianship and adoption subsidy cases. The last increase for family rates was implemented in 2004.	Gross	NA	\$11,291,300
	Federal	NA	4,167,200
	Local	NA	809,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$6,314,400
8. Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative Executive and House increases \$1.9 million Gross (\$878,900 GF/GP) to support 18.0 new FTEs to provide assistance to foster youth aging out of foster care. GF/GP would leverage federal funds to help support these new staff. The GF/GP contribution is redirected from other areas of the budget as a result of increasing federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funding. Conference concurs with Senate and does not increase \$230,000 GF/GP for youth summer employment program.	FTE	NA	18.0
	Gross	NA	\$1,671,800
	Federal	NA	1,022,900
	GF/GP	NA	\$648,900
9. Family Preservation Programs Executive and House increases funding for family reunification \$2.5 million Gross. Funding would support a new Supported Visitation contract and a new Parent Partners contract. Increases Families First \$500,000 Gross. Reduces Strong Families/Safe Children funding \$2.7 million Gross. The new programs emphasize mentoring and enhanced support to parents with a child removed from their home. Conference concurs with Senate and does not increase Families First funding \$500,000 Gross.	Gross Federal GF/GP	\$53,264,200 52,385,300 \$878,900	(\$238,400) (238,400) \$0

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 10. Other Child Welfare Adjustments Includes child welfare adjustments as reviewed below: Increases funding for out-patient mental health services \$4.4 million GF/GP. Increases funding for new psychotropic oversight contracts \$1.1 million Gross (\$559,200 GF/GP). Increases Youth in Transition \$15,000 GF/GP. Eliminates \$4.0 million GF/GP for a one-time Needs Assessment. Reduces medical psychiatric evaluations \$1.4 million Gross (\$600,000 GF/GP) by implementing a statewide drug testing contract. Reduces medical subsidies for adoptive youth \$1.0 million GF/GP. 	Gross	NA	(\$880,900)
	Federal	NA	(280,900)
	GF/GP	NA	(\$600,000)
11. State Juvenile Justice Facilities Conference reduces \$2.0 million Gross (\$1.0 million GF/GP) authorization for the 3 DHS juvenile justice facilities. Senate increases GF/GP \$2.5 million to reduce county chargeback rate from 50% to 40% and to not charge counties for exceptional medical expenses. Reduces \$1.0 million GF/GP authorization for the 3 DHS juvenile justice facilities. House reduces funding \$21.3 million Gross (\$9.2 million GF/GP) from closing all 3 DHS juvenile justice facilities and reducing administrative staff; maintains \$2.4 million GF/GP for closed site costs. Increases foster care payments line \$9.9 million Gross (\$4.9 million GF/GP) to move 90 youth in the 3 DHS facilities to private residential facilities.	FTE	191.7	0.0
	Gross	\$25,221,700	(\$2,000,000)
	Federal	465,600	0
	Local	11,059,000	(1,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$13,697,100	(\$1,000,000)
 12. Public Assistance Caseload Adjustments Reduces funding for public assistance programs \$152.4 million Gross (\$29.8 GF/GP) as follows: Food Assistance Program (FAP) is reduced \$68.4 million Gross from 1,103,042 cases at \$271 per month to 996,958 cases at \$271 per month. Family Independence Program (FIP) is reduced \$85.7 million Gross from 69,363 cases at \$407 per month to 53,298 cases at \$397.01 per month. State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is reduced \$824,800 GF/GP from 10,250 cases at \$227 per month to 8,777 cases at \$257.33 per month. State Supplementation program is increased \$2.5 million GF/GP from 258,500 cases at \$19.50 per month to 271,800 cases at \$19.31 per month. 	Gross	\$4,015,400,000	(\$152,420,700)
	Federal	3,707,089,500	(122,636,500)
	Restricted	81,211,700	0
	GF/GP	\$227,098,800	(\$29,784,200)
13. Energy Services Adjustments Executive increases federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) based on anticipated federal grant authorization by \$58.5 million. Transfers out \$35.0 million in restricted fee revenue targeted for energy assistance to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). A total of \$60.0 million in restricted fee revenue is appropriated in LARA for energy services. Senate concurs with Executive and inserts \$100 point of difference. House concurs with federal grant authorization increase, but does not concur with appropriating \$60.0 million in surcharge revenue in the LARA budget; instead reduces LIHEAP administrative allocation from 10% to 5% reducing 88.0 local office FTEs and redirects \$8.0 million in federal LIHEAP for energy assistance and appropriates \$52.0 million in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) designated as one-time funding. Conference concurs with federal grant authorization increase, but does not concur with new surcharge revenue in the LARA budget; instead appropriates \$59.9 million Gross (\$27.7 million GF/GP) as one-time funding.	Gross	\$151,451,600	\$83,400,000
	Federal	116,451,600	90,700,000
	Restricted	35,000,000	(35,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$0	\$27,700,000

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14. Program Increases Conference increases \$900,000 GF/GP for Chaldean Community Foundation, \$450,000 GF/GP for food bank funding, and \$300,000 GF/GP for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan to assist state prosecutors, adult protective services, and criminal justice on matters relating to elder abuse and financial exploitation. House increases \$10.0 million GF/GP for veteran advocacy and special maintenance of state administered veteran homes, \$450,000 GF/GP for food bank funding, and \$300,000 GF/GP for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.	Gross	NA	\$1,350,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$1,350,000
15. SSI State Supplementation Rate Reduction Conference concurs with Senate and reduces SSI state supplementation rates to the minimum federally required rate. Most of the rate reductions would impact couples on SSI rather than individuals on SSI.	Gross	\$60,489,000	(\$750,000)
	GF/GP	\$60,489,000	(\$750,000)
16. State Supplementation Administration Reduces \$300,000 GF/GP to recognize savings from distributing State SSI Supplementation payments through Electronic Funds Transfer rather than through paper checks.	Gross	\$2,681,100	(\$300,000)
	GF/GP	\$2,681,100	(\$300,000)
17. Local Office Adult Services Increase Executive and House increases local office Adult Services staff by 41.0 FTEs and \$2.9 million Gross (\$924,700 GF/GP). New staff will reduce caseloads per worker from 237:1 to 200:1. Adult Services staff work on both Adult Protective Services and Adult Community Placements. Conference concurs with Senate and increases local office Adult Services staff by 20.5 FTEs.	FTE	NA	20.5
	Gross	NA	\$1,467,800
	Federal	NA	1,005,500
	GF/GP	NA	\$462,300
18. Mobile Worker Initiative Increases funding \$2.4 million Gross (\$935,400 GF/GP) to purchase smart phones and apps to make direct care staff, licensing staff, and inspector general staff more mobile. With more staff in the field, the Executive Recommendation projects savings from rent and leases to offset the costs.	Gross	\$0	\$0
	Federal	0	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
19. Stratified Case Management Increases funding \$1.2 million Gross to launch an initiative to help DHS identify client cases with the most barriers, that use the most services (state, local, or community-based services), and to coordinate services to help persons reach self-sufficiency.	Gross	\$0	\$1,195,000
	Federal	0	1,145,000
	Private	0	50,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
20. Other Local Office Increases Executive and House increases security costs \$495,000 Gross (\$352,700 GF/GP) in both ongoing and one-time costs to improve the security and safety at DHS local offices, increases mileage reimbursement for volunteer services \$225,700 Gross (\$58,700 GF/GP), and increases \$74,800 Gross and 1.0 FTE for SSI advocacy. Senate does not increase funding for security improvements, does not increase funding for SSI advocacy, and provides less funding for volunteer services mileage reimbursements. Conference only increases volunteer services mileage reimbursements.	FTE	NA	0.0
	Gross	NA	\$225,700
	Federal	NA	167,000
	Restricted	NA	0
	GF/GP	NA	\$58,700
21. Child Support Enforcement - Paternity Testing Executive and House increases funding \$1.8 million Gross (\$612,000 GF/GP) to provide unwed mothers the option to have a paternity test at the hospital to legally identify the father as alternative to the current requirement to sign an affidavit of parentage. Program seeks to avoid future costs of paternity establishment and would be voluntary and not mandated. Conference concurs with Senate and does not increase funding.	Gross	\$0	\$0
	Federal	0	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
22. Background Check Program Transfers out \$1.0 million GF/GP from the DHS budget to the LARA budget.	Gross	\$1,000,000	(\$1,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$1,000,000	(\$1,000,000)
23. Other Program Reductions Conference removes \$187,000 GF/GP from multicultural integration line and replaces it with TANF, reduces 2-1-1 \$150,000 GF/GP, and eliminates private allocations for the Children's Benefit Fund donations, W.J. Maxey Memorial Fund, and Wayne County gifts and bequests.	FTEs	NA	0.0
	Gross	NA	(\$316,000)
	Federal	NA	37,400
	Private	NA	(166,000)
	GF/GP	NA	(\$187,400)

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24. Bridges Maintenance and Support Increases funding for maintenance and support for the Bridges information technology eligibility program by \$2.2 million Gross (\$856,300 GF/GP). Funding will be used for regular Bridges updates and revisions that have had to be delayed due to the number of recent public assistance policy revisions, in addition to IT activities related to transferring out the Child Development and Care (CDC) program to the Office of Great Start within the Department of Education.	Gross Federal GF/GP	NA NA NA	\$2,218,600 1,353,300 \$856,300
25. Disability Determination Services Eliminates funding and FTEs added during FY 2009-10 to again perform eligibility reconsiderations for persons applying for federal SSI and SSDI. The intent was that the reconsideration process would reduce the number of individuals requesting a federal appeal. The FTEs were never hired because the federal government suspended the reconsideration process.	FTEs Gross IDG Federal GF/GP	721.9 \$114,949,500 299,900 113,651,200 \$998,400	(175.0) (\$21,904,600) 0 (21,904,600) \$0
26. FTE and Federal Authorization Adjustments Reduces FTE authorizations by 43.0 positions within child welfare, children services, and juvenile justice. Reduces federal authorization by \$47.4 million within child support enforcement, child support information technology, and payroll taxes and fringe benefits. These are adjustments to align spending with appropriations rather than program reductions or cuts.	FTEs Gross Federal GF/GP	NA NA NA NA	(43.0) (\$47,423,900) (47,423,900) \$0
27. FY 2011-12 Employee Contingency Plan Reduces budgeted salaries and wages to reflect actual realized salaries and wages by \$21.0 million Gross (\$5.8 million GF/GP). Eliminates funded staff vacancies saving \$6.0 million Gross (\$2.3 million GF/GP). Implements a targeted hiring freeze saving \$7.2 million Gross (\$2.8 million GF/GP) and offsets \$7.8 million GF/GP with TANF savings from the employee contingency plan.	FTEs Gross Federal GF/GP	NA NA NA NA	(182.0) (\$34,241,100) (15,470,100) (\$18,771,000)
28. Employee Economics Increases employee economic costs related to salary and wages, retirement, insurances, and building occupancy changes by \$10.9 million Gross (\$5.5 million GF/GP). Replaces \$3.9 million in IDG funds from DTMB with federal funds. Increases funding designated as one-time in boilerplate for state employee lump sum payments by \$10.5 million Gross (\$3.9 million GF/GP).	Gross IDG Federal Local Private Restricted GF/GP	NA NA NA NA NA NA	\$21,471,600 (4,580,200) 15,922,000 391,400 219,400 71,200 \$9,447,800
29. Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Adjustments Reduces GF/GP by \$529,900 from the FMAP federal match rate adjustment from 66.14% to 66.39%. This rate is used to determine federal cost sharing for foster care payments and adoption subsidies.	Gross Federal GF/GP	NA NA NA	\$0 529,900 (\$529,900)
30. Other One-Time Appropriations Conference increases \$5.0 million Gross (\$4.0 million GF/GP), on a one- time basis, in a separate line item unit as follows: \$2.5 million Gross (\$1.5 million GF/GP) for Inspector General	Gross Federal GF/GP	\$0 0 \$0	\$5,000,000 1,000,000 \$4,000,000

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• \$1.0 million GF/GP for before- or after-school programs.

• \$750,000 GF/GP for Seita Scholarship.

information technology upgrades.

- \$500,000 GF/GP for a juvenile justice behavioral health study.
- \$250,000 GF/GP for 2 local office to implement Medicaid eligibility efficiencies.

31. Anticipated FY 2013-14 Budget Changes

Reflects anticipated adjustments from FY 2012-13 budget for caseload and economic adjustments in FY 2013-14. (Boilerplate intent language only; would not be binding appropriation.)

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2011-12

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 217. Limits on Out-of-State Travel - REVISED

Limits out-of-state travel to specific conditions; requires report on out-of-state travel exemptions. <u>Conference</u> and <u>House</u> removes out-of-state travel limitation; maintains reporting requirement.

Sec. 223. Medicaid Determination Requirements - DELETED

Requires DHS to determine Medicaid eligibility within 60 days when disability is an eligibility factor and within 45 days for all other applicants.

Sec. 224. Medicaid Determination Requirements for Nursing Home Patients - DELETED

Requires DHS to approve or deny Medicaid applications for nursing home patients within 45 days of receipt of necessary information.

Sec. 284. Contingency Fund Appropriations – REVISED

Appropriates \$200.0 million in federal, \$5.0 million in state restricted, \$20.0 million in local, and \$20.0 million in private contingency funds; appropriations may not be expended until transferred through legislative transfer process. <u>Conference</u> includes new \$40.0 million federal TANF contingency fund.

Sec. 290. Welfare Fraud Hotline - NEW

Requires DHS to include the welfare fraud hotline phone number on any public advertisement.

Sec. 291. E-Verify - NEW

Requires DHS to use E-Verify to verify that new employees and new contractors are legally present in the United States; requires report on implementation.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

Sec. 307. 2-1-1 Statewide Call System - REVISED

Allocates \$550,000 for Michigan 2-1-1 to coordinate and support a statewide 2-1-1 call system; provides that funding shall not exceed 50% of total operating expenses; requires annual report. <u>Conference</u> and <u>House</u> allocates \$400,000 and requires 2-1-1 to refer calls of fraud, waste, and abuse to DHS.

ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES

Sec. 425. Employment Support Services Program - REVISED

Requires DHS to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse within the current policy on payments for car repairs and car purchases. <u>House</u> limits car repair allocation to not more than \$500 per year. <u>Conference</u> limits car repair allocation to not more than \$500 per year, but allows DHS to approve exceptions up to \$900 per year; requires report on number of exceptions.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Sec. 503. Third Party Private Agency Rate Setting Contract - NEW

Requires DHS to enter into a contract with a third party to set establish per diem rates for private child welfare agencies and DHS on an annual basis, requires report on the established rates.

Sec. 525. On-site Evaluations - NEW

Requires DHS to use same on-site evaluation process and noncompliance penalties for private-operated and state-operated residential facilities.

Sec. 527. Child Welfare Staffing Enhancement - NEW

Prohibits DHS from expending funding from new child welfare staffing enhancement line item until transferred through legislative transfer process to the appropriate line items.

Sec. 540. Psychotropic Medication For Youth in Out-of-Home Placements - NEW

Requires DHS to determine within 30 days to change prescribed psychotropic medication for state wards if the placement administration determines that the medication should be changed, or to seek parental consent within 7 business days for a temporary court ward.

Sec. 546. Foster Care Agency Administrative Rates - REVISED

Establishes foster care administrative rate of \$37 for private child placing agencies under contract with DHS; establishes general independent living administrative rate of \$28; establishes specialized independent living administrative rates less than rates provided in FY 2008-09 but more than the general independent living rate. Senate increases the foster care administrative rate to \$40; increases the general independent living administrative rate to \$30; reinstates the special independent living administrative rate to FY 2010-11 levels. House does not establish special independent living administrative rate; provides a \$5 foster care administrative rate increase, provided that state law is amended to eliminate the county match rate for the rate increase. Conference reinstates the special independent living administrative rate to FY 2010-11 levels.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Sec. 604. State Disability Assistance (SDA) Program - REVISED

Establishes requirements for the SDA program. <u>Conference</u> and <u>House</u> strikes subsection allowing refugees or asylees who lose federal disability assistance to be eligible for SDA.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2011-12

Sec. 611. State Supplementation Rates – NEW

Prohibits state supplementation levels for living independently or living in the household of another from exceeding the minimum level required under federal law or regulations.

Sec. 612. Refugee Assistance Asset Test - NEW

Requires DHS to implement an asset test for applicants and recipients of refugee assistance program medical benefits.

Sec. 616. Electronic Benefit Transfer Fees - NEW

Requires retailers participating in the electronic benefit transfer program from charging more than \$2.50 in fees for cash back.

Sec. 657. Extended Family Independence Program (EFIP) Notifications - NEW

Requires DHS to notify individuals eligible for EFIP that receiving EFIP will count toward the federal and state lifetime cash assistance limits.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

Sec. 721. Residential Facility of Last Resort - NEW

If demand exceeds capacity at state-operated facilities, requires DHS to post a RFP to contract with not less than 1 private provider to be a residential facility of last resort instead of increasing available occupancy at state-operated facilities.

ONE-TIME BASIS ONLY

Sec. 1207. Medicaid Determination and Eligibility LEAN process - NEW

Requires DHS to make a determination of Medicaid eligibility no later than 60 days when disability is an eligibility factor and no later than 45 days for all other applications, including nursing homes; Requires DHS to implement a LEAN process to increase the efficiency and reduce standards of promptness of Medicaid eligibility determination at 2 local offices; requires report on the LEAN process at the 2 local offices and the plan to implement statewide.