

costs if the Department contracted with local public health departments to operate the dental screening clinics and the costs to operate the program exceeded the funding provided by the State or cost offsets resulting from reimbursements from other insurance coverage.

The enrolled fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 DHHS budget included \$2.0 million General Fund/General Purpose for a dental screening program for children entering school; however, it was vetoed by the Governor.

In the FY 2018-2019 budget, \$5.2 million Gross was allocated to local public health departments with \$2.6 million Gross going to support vision clinics and hearing clinics. According to the DHHS, the program provides over one million vision or hearing screenings annually.

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