



Mission, Money, and Meaning: Understanding Human Services Funding

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Introduction

- Today's discussion is designed to help you gain a foundational understanding of how funding streams support agency operations and leave better equipped to engage in informed conversations with fiscal staff. Please note that we are discussing Income Maintenance and Social Service Revenues. We are not equipped to discuss Public Health Revenues.
- Most of the discussion will be referencing the handout titled **Human Services Revenue Overview – September 2026**.
- Please feel free to ask any questions and share any tips, tools and local practices!

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County Human Services Structure

- County Human Service agencies can be structured in different ways. Here are the most common structures:
 - Income Maintenance & Social Services
 - Income Maintenance, Social Services & Public Health
 - Income Maintenance, Social Services, Public Health & Veterans
 - Income Maintenance, Social Services, Public Health & Corrections
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Major Types of Human Services Revenues

- Property tax – set by the county board annually
- Reimbursement for Services (Fees for Services)- fees and other income received for providing services and/or materials. Ex – TCM billing
- State Grants/Allocations
- Federal Grants/Allocations (Primarily from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and distributed through DHS and DCYF.)

Grants vs. Allocations

- DHS and DCYF administers many grants and allocations.
 - Grants generally require the county to perform additional work beyond the activities funded by the grant.
 - Grants are usually time limited.
 - Grant applications are usually required and are granted on a competitive basis.
 - Allocations are given to counties by the state based on a state formula.
 - In some instances, grants and allocations are “automatically” paid to counties.
 - For a full listing on DHS/DCYF Grants and Allocations, please visit:
 - [PartnerLink>Fiscal Reporting & Accounting>2027 Allocations](#)
- DHS/DCYF reviews SEAGR report data to ensure counties are meeting spending requirements to ensure spending is more than the grant/allocation payments.

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Income Maintenance (IM) Funding

- Specific information is on the Human Services Revenue Overview handout (pages 3 – 6)
 - Expenditures
 - Expenses paid for operations and administration of the IM program
 - Income Maintenance Ransom Moments Study (IMRMS)
 - Funding Generators
 - Federal Financial Participation (FFP)
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 - Fraud Prevention Investigation (FPI) Grant
 - IM Program Recoveries/Collections – MFIP, SNAP, MA, etc.

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Income Maintenance (IM) Program Areas

- Programs
 - Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) – page 4
 - General Assistance (GA) – page 4
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – page 5
 - Child Support (Title IV-D) – page 5
 - Medical Assistance (MA) – page 5
 - Minnesota Supplemental Assistance (MSA) – page 6
 - Refugee Cash Assistance – page 6
 - Housing Support (Group Residential Housing – GRH) – page 6

Social Services (SS) Funding

- Specific information is on the Human Services Revenue Overview handout (pages 7 – 14)
 - Expenditures
 - Expenses paid for operations and administration of the county SS program
 - Social Service Time Study (SSTS)
 - Funding Generators
 - Block Grants and Allocations
 - Federal Financial Participation (FFP)
 - Social Services Time Study (SSTS)
 - Waiver Case Management
 - Targeted Case Management
 - Fees for Services

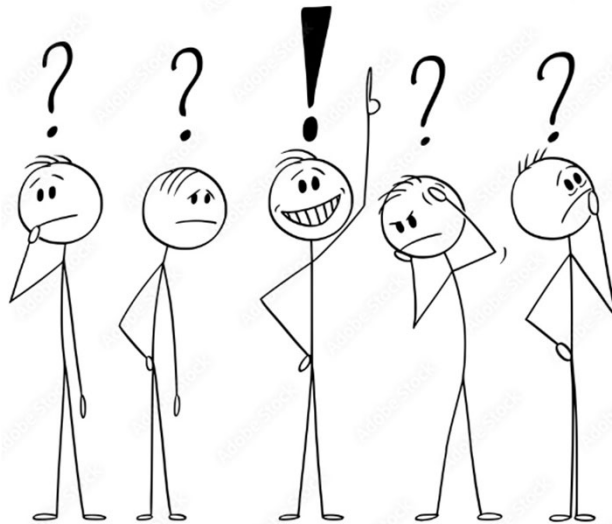
Social Services (SS) Program Areas

- Programs
 - Children's Program (BRASS Codes 101-198) – pages 8-10
 - Child Care (BRASS Codes 201-298) – pages 10
 - Behavioral Health (Chemical Dependency) (BRASS Codes 301-393) – page 11
 - Mental Health (BRASS Codes 401-496) – pages 11 – 12
 - Developmental Disabilities (BRASS Codes 501-595) – page 13
 - Adult Services (including elderly) (BRASS Codes 601-698) – page 14

Manual Resources

- The following manuals are referenced in the Human Services Revenue Overview document and can be found on [PartnerLink](#) under the [Fiscal Reporting & Accounting](#) tab.
 - [2027 Allocations](#) (listed under Allocation Amounts for 2027)
- PartnerLink > Fiscal Reporting & Accounting > [Handbooks, Manuals & Reference Guides](#)
 - [Income Maintenance Quarterly Expense Report Instructions](#) (Section E, pg 16 & Attachment D, pg 21)
 - [Social Service Fund Report Instructions \(DHS-2556\)](#) (Attachment A, pg 8)
 - [Instructions for Completing the SEAGR Report \(DHS-2557\)](#) (Attachment E, pg 23)
- PartnerLink > Fiscal Reporting & Accounting > [Time Study - IMRMS](#)
 - [IMRMS Participant Handbook – Effective 9/28/2020](#)
- PartnerLink > Fiscal Reporting & Accounting > [Time Study - SSTS](#)
 - [SSTS Participant Handbook – Revised 9/28/2020](#)

Questions, Tips, or Comments to Share?



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Thank You! Contact Information

We can't **THANK YOU**
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If you have any questions about the information provided or if you have comments on how we could improve the information, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us.

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