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Governor Lamont budget as proposed in [HB 7148: AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2021, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR](#) includes the following budget items that may be of interest to the behavior health community.

- Annualize Funding for State Employee Wage Adjustments
- Adjust Funding to Reflect Increased Other Expenses, Professional Services, and Workers' Compensation accounts.
- Annualize Projected FY 2019 Deficiency in Personal Services
- Provides funding to annualize private provider cost of living adjustments (Public Act 18-81).
- Provide Funding for Caseload Growth and Annualization
- Supports new caseload growth for behavioral health services for low-income adults and Money Follows the Person.
- Reflects projected FY 2019 lapses in the General Assistance Managed Care, TBI Community Services and Home and Community Based Services accounts.
- Achieve Savings for Cellular Services
- Reallocates funding from 1) Jail Diversion to the Forensic Services account to complete the consolidation of forensic accounts, and 2) Home and Community Based Services to the Nursing Home Screening account to reflect current contractual obligations.
- Reduce Funding to Reflect Restructuring of State Operated Services to Private Operation
- Reduce Grants for Mental Health and Substance Use Services
- Eliminate Funding for Research Activities at Connecticut Mental Health Center
- Reduce Funding for Personal Services to Reflect Overtime Savings

More information on the proposed budget can be found at www.governor.ct.gov. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.