

December 18, 2025

The Honorable Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore

The Honorable Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Stephen Harding, Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Matthew Ritter, Speaker of the House

The Honorable Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader

The Honorable Vincent Candelora, House Minority Leader

Re: Use of SA 25-1 Reserve

Dear Legislative Leaders,

As you are aware, section 2 of Special Act 25-1, November Special Session, appropriated \$500 million from the Budget Reserve Fund to the Office of Policy and Management “for the purposes of responding to and mitigating any action, or inaction, by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, health care, school meals, child care assistance or housing assistance in the state.” Section 3 of said Act authorizes me, as Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to transfer any amount of such appropriation to another agency or fund to give effect to the intent of the appropriation. Prior to transferring or expending said funds, section 4 requires me to provide notice of such transfers or expenditures to you.

In accordance with section 4 of Special Act 25-1, November Special Session, I hereby provide notice that I intend to transfer and expend funds appropriated under section 2 of said Act as described below. Specifically, I intend to transfer funds in the amounts listed below from the Budget Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the following expenditures:

- Funding for our statewide network of community food banks and pantries to increase their capacity to serve residents impacted by the eligibility changes in SNAP through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$24,550,000.
- Replacement of the expiring enhanced premium tax credits for residents enrolled in Covered CT, including adjusting the current assessment on total premiums to reimburse carriers for potentially higher utilization in this program through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$64,100,000.

- Replacement of the loss of enhanced health care subsidies for individuals between 100% FPL and 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who are not on Covered CT and 50% of the lost subsidy for individuals between 400% FPL and 500% FPL during calendar year 2026 in the amount of \$50,760,000.
- Supplemental payments to federally qualified health centers to help promote access to primary and preventive care for those individuals with incomes below 100% of the FPL at risk of losing coverage due to elimination of all federal health plan subsidies through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$5,000,000 (state share).
- Interim funding for expiring Continuum of Care grants for organizations that provide support to prevent and end homelessness through June 30, 2026, and the continuation of formerly HUD-funded vouchers for supportive housing through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$6,880,000.
- Coverage of the lost federal reimbursement for services provided by Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE) facilities during the period July 4, 2025, through July 3, 2026, in the amount of \$8,500,000. Replace funding for PPSNE's frozen federal Title X grant, which provides individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services, in the amount of \$1,900,000.
- Additional funding to 211 to support additional call volume and Community Action Agencies to support community outreach and assistance for SNAP recipients in understanding and meeting new eligibility requirements through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$4,700,000.
- Operational costs for DSS to help Medicaid and SNAP clients meet new eligibility rules and program requirements to the extent possible, including modifying information systems and increasing vendor call center support, in the amount of \$1,540,000.

Detailed below is a summary of the transfers that I intend to make.

T1	GENERAL FUND	2026-2027
T2		
T3	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
T4	Community Health Services	1,900,000
T5		
T6	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING	
T7	Continuum of Care Grants	5,200,000
T8		
T9	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES	
T10	Housing Supports and Services	1,680,000
T11		
T12	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	
T13	Other Expenses	4,140,000
T14	Medicaid	69,100,000
T16	Nutrition Assistance	24,550,000
T17	Community Services	8,500,000
T18	Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	2,100,000
T19	Affordable Care Act Subsidies	50,760,000
T20		
T21	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	167,930,000

All funds identified in this notice will be encumbered prior to February 4, 2026, for the purposes and periods described above.

With these transfers, \$332,070,000 remains available from the appropriations made pursuant to section 2 of Special Act 25-1, November special session. Additional funding needs may be identified which may require further transfers or expenditures of these remaining funds prior to February 4, 2026. I will inform you of such additional transfers or expenditures as required by section 4 of said Act in one or more subsequent notifications.

Respectfully,



Joshua Wojcik
Secretary

Cc: Governor Lamont, OTG
Matthew Brokman, OTG
Courtney Cullinan, Senate Democrats
Franklin Perry, House Democrats
Sen. Catherine Osten, Appropriations Committee
Rep. Toni Walker, Appropriations Committee
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