

Harrisburg Update 5-4-2018

April 2018 Revenues

- Pennsylvania collected \$3.8 billion in General Fund revenue in April. The tax revenue collected exceeded estimate by \$33.3 million, which was 0.9 percent above what was anticipated. General Fund revenue was \$57.6 million, or 1.5 percent, less than anticipated. Fiscal year-to-date General Fund collections total \$29 billion, which is \$164.1 million, or 0.6 percent, above estimate.

Agency Meetings and Notices

- **Department of Health**
Monday, May 7, 9:00 am, Keystone Building Meeting Center, Suite 114 East, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Medical Marijuana Advisory Board
For additional information: 717 547 3047
- **Department of Human Services**
Wednesday, May 9, 10:00 am, Commonwealth Tower, 12th Floor, 303 Walnut Street, Harrisburg
Bureau of Fee for Service Programs Subcommittee to MAAC Meeting
For additional information: 717 772 6780
- **Department of Health**
Wednesday, May 9, 9:00 am, and Thursday, May 10, 9:00 am, Park Inn Harrisburg West, 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
HIV Community Prevention Planning Committee Meeting
For additional information: 717 783 0572
- **PA Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4)**
Thursday, May 10, 10:00 am, Council Conference Room, 225 Market Street, Suite 400, Harrisburg
Council Meeting
For additional information: 717 232 6787

PA Bulletin

- **Department of Human Services**
The Department is providing final notice of its funding allocation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 disproportionate share hospital payments to qualifying Medical Assistance enrolled acute care general hospital burn centers. The Department is not otherwise changing the qualifying criteria or payment methodology for these payments. The Department published notice of its intent to allocate funding for these payments at 47 Pa.B. 7771 (December 23, 2017). The Department received no public comments during the 30-day comment period and will implement the change as described in the notice of intent.
Fiscal Impact

The FY 2017-2018 impact, as a result of the funding allocation for these payments, is \$7.850 million (\$3.782 million in State general funds and \$4.068 million in Federal funds).

For additional information: <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-18/694.html>

- ***Department of Human Services***

The Department is providing final notice of its funding allocation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 disproportionate share hospital payments to qualifying Medical Assistance enrolled acute care general hospitals providing obstetrical and neonatal services. The Department is not otherwise changing the qualifying criteria or payment methodology for these payments. The Department published notice of its intent to allocate funding for these payments at 47 Pa.B. 7773 (December 23, 2017). The Department received no comments during the 30-day comment period and will implement the change as described in the notice of intent.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2017-2018 impact, as a result of these payments, is \$13.867 million (\$6.681 million in State general funds and \$7.186 million in Federal funds).

For additional information: <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-18/695.html>

House 2018 Spring Session Schedule

- May 22, 23
- June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Senate 2018 Spring Session Schedule

- May 21, 22, 23
- June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Committee Schedule for the Week of May 7

House

- No healthcare-related committee meetings have been scheduled for the week of May 7.

Senate

- No healthcare-related committee meetings have been scheduled for the week of May 7.

Floor Schedule for the Week of May 7

House (from the Republican Week Ahead)

- The House is not scheduled for session the week of May 7.

Senate (from the Senate Calendar)

- The Senate is not scheduled for session the week of May 7.

Legislative Floor Action for the Week of April 30

House

- HB 478, PN 3434 (Pickett) - The Outpatient Psychiatric Oversight Act requires an outpatient psychiatric clinic to have a psychiatrist on site for two hours of psychiatric time per week for each fulltime equivalent treatment staff member. Also provides that 50 percent of the required on-site psychiatric time may be provided by an advanced practice professional or a psychiatrist off-site by the use of interactive audio and video transmission. Requires the Department of Human Services to promulgate regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of the act, and provides for definitions. **The House concurred in Senate amendments on Tuesday, May 1.**

Bill Text:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2017&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=0478&pn=3434>

- HB 1659, PN 3461 (Tobash) – Amends the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties, providing for work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by establishing the department may not apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of requirements established under section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 without prior approval of the General Assembly and requiring adult recipients to comply with and submit proof of compliance with various work requirements as a condition of participation and continuing eligibility for food assistance. The work requirements shall only apply to Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs). Requires the Department of Human Services to provide notice to adult recipients on the date of annual renewal that eligibility will be terminated if the recipient fails to meet the requirements and locations where assistance to meet the requirements is available. Also requires the department to provide a form notice to county assistance offices that eligibility for SNAP shall be terminated three months after the notice if the recipient fails to comply with the work, community service or education requirements. **This bill received third consideration and final passage on Tuesday, May 1.**

Bill Text:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2017&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1659&pn=3461>

- HB 1800, PN 3224 (Nelson) - Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for medication synchronization. The bill establishes no individual or group health insurance plan providing prescription drug coverage shall deny coverage for the dispensing of a medication that is dispensed by a network pharmacy on the basis that the dispensing is for a partial supply if the prescriber or pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of medication synchronization. **This bill received third consideration and final passage on Tuesday, May 1.**

Bill Text:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2017&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1800&pn=3224>

- HB 1997, PN 3352 (Bernstine) - Amends the Human Services Code adding a new section requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a deemed eligibility program for in-patient behavioral health services. Also requires the department to issue a medical assistance bulletin which contains the Commonwealth policies and procedures necessary to implement this new section; to apply for any necessary Federal waivers and maximize the use of Federal money for the purposes to implementing the program; and issue an annual report to the General Assembly. **This bill received third consideration and final passage on Tuesday, May 1.**

Bill Text:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2017&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1997&pn=3352>

- HB 2241, PN 3290 (Mustio) - Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in other subjects of taxation, providing for prohibited fees, surcharges and taxes; and making inconsistent repeals. The bill establishes that a political subdivision may not impose a fee, surcharge, sales tax, tax on gross receipts, excise tax or other tax on any of the following: food and beverages; food and beverage containers; the supply, acquisition, delivery, distribution or transport of food and beverages; or the supply, acquisition, delivery, distribution or transport of food and beverage containers. **This bill received first consideration on Tuesday, May 1.**

Bill Text:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2017&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=2241&pn=3290>

- SB 180, PN 1658 (Greenleaf) - Amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries), in ownership of property and legal title and equitable estate, further providing for right to dispose of a decedent's remains; in health care, further providing for example; and, in anatomical gifts, further providing for definitions, providing for scope, further providing for persons who may execute anatomical gift, for persons who may become donees and purposes for which anatomical gifts may be made, for manner of executing anatomical gifts, for rights and duties at death, for requests for anatomical gifts, for use of driver's license or identification card to indicate organ or tissue donation, for the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund contributions. Renames the Organ Donation Advisory Committee as the Organ and Tissue Donation Advisory Committee. Also provides for confidentiality requirement and for prohibited activities, for promotion of organ and tissue donation. Establishes the Donate Life PA Registry providing for facilitation of anatomical gift from decedent whose death is under investigation, for notification by coroners and medical examiners to district attorneys, for discretionary notification by coroner or medical examiner, for collaboration among departments and organ procurement organizations, for information relative to organ and tissue donation, for requirements for physician and nurse training relative to organ and tissue donation and recovery, for department of transportation, for department of corrections, for study of organ procurement organizations and for relation to electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, repealing provisions relating to corneal transplants and providing for vascularized composite allografts. Portions are effective immediately, portions are effective in 60 days, and the remainder is effective upon publication of notice. **This bill received third consideration and final passage on Monday, April 30.**

Bill Text:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2017&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=B&billNbr=0180&pn=1658>

Senate

- The Senate was not in session the week of April 30.