

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM
2026 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **HB 500 PHS 1/HCS 1**

PART I

OPERATING BUDGET

On page 65, line 17, delete "2,152,012,600" and insert "2,502,012,600" in lieu thereof;

On page 65, line 18, delete "17,540,335,300" and "17,547,678,300" and insert "17,550,954,800" and "17,554,962,300" in lieu thereof;

On page 65, line 19, delete "22,685,212,500" and "22,633,516,500" and insert "23,045,832,000" and "22,640,800,500" in lieu thereof;

On page 70, delete lines 5 through 9, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(12) **Michelle P. Waiver Slots:** Included in the above appropriations is \$3,883,100 in General Fund and \$9,766,900 in Federal Funds in each fiscal year to support an additional 250 slots."

On page 70, delete lines 15 through 19, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(14) **Home and Community Based Waiver Slots:** Included in the above appropriations is \$2,894,600 in General Fund and \$7,280,400 in Federal Funds in each fiscal year to support an additional 250 slots."

On page 71, after line 27, insert the following:

"(23) **Use of Restricted Funds:** Notwithstanding KRS 304.2-400(2), included in the above Restricted Funds appropriation is \$350,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to support the Medicaid

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Rep. Rep. Pamela Stevenson

Committee Amendment _____

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Benefits program. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, the Restricted Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2026-2027 shall not lapse and shall carry forward.

(24) Medicaid Benefits Program: In addition to such funds as may be appropriated, the Department for Medicaid Services, may request from the Finance and Administration Cabinet, as a necessary government expense, such funds as may be necessary for the continuation of the Medicaid Benefits Program at current service levels. Upon justification of the request, the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall provide up to \$40,376,600 in fiscal year 2027-2028 for this purpose to the Medicaid Benefits budget unit from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Expenditures under this subsection shall be reported to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by August 1 of each year.

(25) Sustaining Medicaid Benefits Growth: It is the intent of the 2026 General Assembly to utilize revenues generated in excess of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium estimates provided by the Consensus Forecast Group from the passage and implementation of 2026 Regular Session House Bill 13 to continue to provide Medicaid Services to the most vulnerable population in our Commonwealth.";

On page 114, delete lines 5 through 10; and

Adjust subsequent subtotals and totals accordingly.

SUMMARY: Appropriates Restricted Funds from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund and Federal Funds to the Medicaid Benefits budget unit and amends appropriations for Michelle P. and Home and Community Based Waiver Slots; APPROPRIATION.