

Proposed Budget and ACC Impacts

Program Improvement Advisory Committee

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Purpose of this Discussion

- We understand there's been a lot of concern around the budget reductions implemented through the Executive Order and confusion around what is and isn't permanent.
- This time is meant for committee members to ask questions and share feedback as we continue to work with the legislature.
- We might not have all the answers, especially since nothing will be finalized until around May, but we'll do our best to share the info we have and take anything else as feedback.

How this Process Works

- The Governor's Office releases their proposed state budget on or around November 1 each year.
- The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) begins reviewing proposed budgets with their staff during briefings after November 1.
- Once briefings are concluded, departments are invited to hearings with the JBC to go over questions/priorities.
- In January, the JBC starts reviewing Supplementals which are department requests for current-year appropriations.
- After that, the JBC begins the figure setting process, which leads to developing the Long Bill.
- The General Assembly votes on the Long Bill each spring.

What's Different this Year

- We are facing a challenging state budget environment that has been further compounded by federal changes.
- Earlier this year, the Governor released an Executive Order with budget reductions for FY 2025-26.
- These budget reductions have been included in HCPF's proposed budget for FY 2026-27, which is what the JBC is currently reviewing.

ACC-Related Budget Items

- ACC quality incentive payment reductions for RAEs and PCMPs
- No longer pursuing centralized credentialing
- Reduction in BHIP incentive payments for RAEs
- Delayed implementation of Access Stabilization Payments, pending federal approval.

How to Stay Updated

- HCPF Legislator Resource Center
 - Budget Reduction fact sheet
 - FY 2026-27 Budget Agenda Summary
 - 2026 Legislative Agenda
- Colorado General Assembly Budget website
 - Budget Process
 - JBC Calendar
 - JBC audio - listen live or find recordings



Questions?

