



# **Legislative Appropriations Request 2016-17 Potential Exceptional Items**

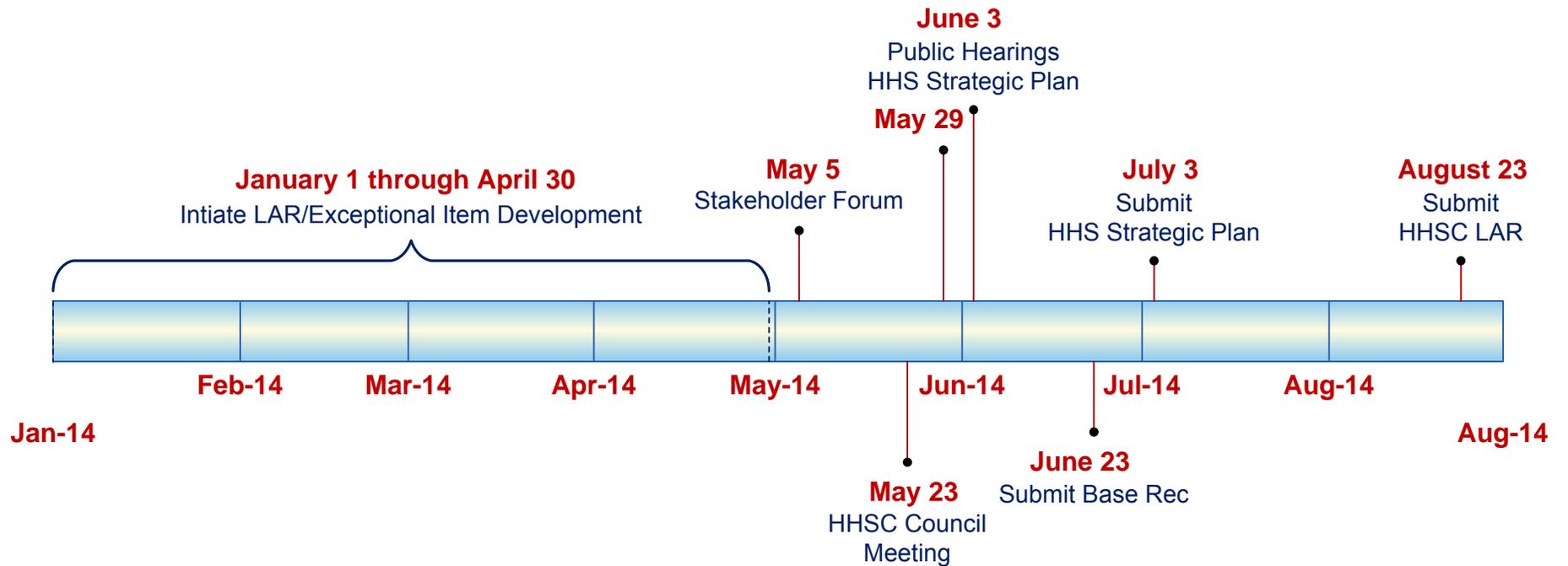
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# 2016-17 HHSC LAR Timeline



# Baseline Request vs Exceptional Item

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## Baseline Request

- FY 2016-17 baseline request represents the limit of biennial general revenue funding amounts
- May not exceed the sum of amounts expended in FY 2014 and budgeted in FY 2015 per policy guidance

## Exceptional Item Request

- Represents any request for general revenue funding in excess of the baseline limit

# LAR Policy Guidance

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## **FY 2016-17 Baseline Request**

- HHSC anticipates the policy guidance to allow an increase in general revenue funding to the FY 2016-17 baseline request for:
  - **Maintaining Benefits and Eligibility for Entitlement Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**
    - Caseload growth in both programs
    - FY 2015 average costs for both programs
    - Continuation of FY 2014-15 rate adjustments
    - Continuation of cost containment initiatives

# HHSC Potential Exceptional Items

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HHSC exceptional items have been grouped into the following categories:

- 1) **Maintain Current Services/Programs**
- 2) **Enhancement of Current Services/Programs**
- 3) **Operational Improvements**
- 4) **HHS System Initiatives *(impacts two or more of the five agencies)***
  - 1) **Increase Capacity of HHS Community Services (Interest/Waiting Lists)**
  - 2) **Staff Recruitment & Retention Strategies**
  - 3) **Maintain Client Related Supports at State-Supported Living Centers and State Hospitals**
  - 4) **Information Technology (IT) Projects**

# Maintain Current Services

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- **Maintain Cost Trends for Current Services**

Maintain costs and utilization trends above the allowable baseline request for Medicaid and CHIP entitlement programs. Caseload growth and FY 2015 costs are assumed in baseline request.

- **Maintain Continued Caseload Growth and Costs**

Maintain costs and continued caseload growth in TANF Two-Parent State Program and Texas Women's Health Program.

- **Annualization of Costs**

Adjust costs to reflect the full annual need in 2016-17 for contracts, leases, projects initiated for a period of less than a year during the current 2014-15 biennium.

# Maintain Current Services

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- **Maintain Current Services to Support Caseload Growth**  
Maintain pricing and transaction increases associated with caseload growth for contracts supporting client services.
- **Maintain Replacement Schedule of Vehicles Used to Support Program Operations\***  
Maintain critical vehicle replacement schedule to minimize maintenance and repair costs.

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# Enhancement of Current Services

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- **Increase Capacity of Family Violence Providers**  
Allocate additional funding to existing providers to serve more clients.
- **Security Enhancements for Regional HHS Client Delivery Facilities\***  
Improve HHS regional facilities with security, alarm, surveillance systems to better protect the safety of our clients and staff. There are approximately 545 facilities across the state housing 24,000+ staff.
- **Fraud Case Management/Data Analytics System**  
Support implementation of case management system to reduce Medicaid / SNAP fraud by using data analytics.

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# Operational Improvements

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- **Implement Enhanced Asset Verification for Certain Populations**  
Implement a system to allow verification of assets of aged, blind or disabled applicants for Medicaid to improve program integrity (federal requirement).
- **Verify and Authenticate Applicant Identity Online**  
Implement up front customer authentication through [www.yourtexasbenefits.com](http://www.yourtexasbenefits.com) to protect customer's identity prior to issuing benefits.
- **Implement Technology Solution to Support Improved Workload Distribution and Management**  
Implement holistic approach to support distribution of work across all state resources while improving service to existing Medicaid, CHIP, SNAP, TANF, and TWHP clients.

# Operational Improvements

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- **Implement Enhanced Career Tracks for Eligibility Staff**  
Add Texas Works Advisor IV and V classifications to promote advancement and retain tenured eligibility determination staff.
- **Criminal Background Checks for Certain HHSC Staff**  
Implement criminal background checks for eligibility determination workers and Office of Inspector General staff to reduce risk of fraud and other criminal activity

# HHS System Requests

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- **Increase Capacity of HHS Community Services (Interest/Waiting Lists)**  
Reduce and/or eliminate current HHS interest/wait lists.
- **Staff Recruitment and Retention Strategies**  
Implement classification reallocations, career ladders, recruitment/retention bonuses, and pay increases for critical HHS staff.
- **Maintain Client Related Supports at State-Supported Living Centers and State Hospitals**  
Maintain services, systems, and facilities (laundry equipment replacement, critical repairs and renovation, client tracking systems, food inventory/menu tracking system, replacement of vehicles for transporting clients).

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# HHS System Requests

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- **Information Technology Projects**
  - CAPPS Financial Upgrade\*
  - Continue Data Center Services (DIR Billings/Transformation/Remediation of Existing Applications)\*
  - Network Capacity and Performance\*
  - Information Security Improvements\*
  - Telecom Managed Services\*

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# Public Comments

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Ideas and initiatives may be submitted for consideration using the form posted on our website at:

[www.hhsc.state.tx.us](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us) (click on the “submission form” link under HHSC Seeks Input on Budget Request)

Forms may be e-mailed to:

[HHSCExternalRelations@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:HHSCExternalRelations@hhsc.state.tx.us)

Comments will be accepted through **June 23, 2014.**