$1 Million Reduction of one-time funds for a study on reimbursement rates for mental health care providers (Departmental Administration)

**Budget Note:** “The Department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children’s Intervention Services (CIS).”

**Budget Note:** “Establish the Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) designation for non-family-based placements to serve children in a trauma-informed model of care designed to address the needs, including clinical needs, of children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders or disturbances, and request necessary approvals with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) by December 31, 2023.”

$1 Million Added with the following direction: “The Department shall implement a remote maternal/fetal health monitoring program for Medicaid eligible high-risk pregnant mothers. The Department of Community Health (DCH) will work with Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) to develop a model for potential recipient program eligibility and requirements.”

$800,000 Transferred from DCH Departmental Administration to the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination (OHSC) to establish operational funds for the All-Payer Claims Database

$6 Million Reduced for Rural Hospital Stabilization Grants in anticipation of the new hospital directed payment program. The House sought to reduce it by $3 Million, but the Senate reduced yet further.

$500,000 Eliminated one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.

$500,000 Added for two federally qualified health center start-up grants. The House has added $750,000 for three federally qualified health center (FQHC) start-up grants for primary care in Union County, behavioral health expansion at Christ Community Health Services of Augusta, and a school-based health center in Emanuel County. The Senate reduced the addition and did not specify where the FQHC’s would be.

$500,000 Added for charity clinics statewide. The House had added $250,000 and the Senate doubled it.

$950,000 Added for Mercy Care Atlanta to support increased patient volume. The House had added $500,000 and the Senate increased it.

$409,000 Added to support existing and new housing with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC).