

County Service Spending Plans

(FY 2017 Appropriation Act - Public Act 268 of 2016)

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Sec. 708 (2) *The department shall submit a report on the number of counties that fail to submit a service spending plan by October 1 and the number of spending plans not approved by December 15. The report shall include the number of county service spending plans that were not approved as first submitted by the counties, as well as the number of plans that were not approved by the department after being resubmitted by the county with the first revisions that were requested by the department.*



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Of the 91 counties and tribes service spend plans (also referred to as Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget) expected to be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), 89 were submitted as of October 1, 2016. The two outstanding counties submitted in December 2016.

As of December 15, 2016, 44 of 91 spend plans had not yet been approved. Of the 44 plans not approved by December 15, 2016, two had not been initially submitted to MDHHS and 42 plans were under review. As of December 15, 2016, MDHHS was already in communication with those 42 counties and tribes regarding necessary modifications and/or missing documentation needed to conduct a complete review of all sub-components within each spend plan, leading to the final approval.

Due to the interactive nature of the approval process MDHHS cannot report an exact number of plans approved after one or more revisions. The counties' spend plans are submitted to MDHHS as individual components and each component requires review before the entire plan can be approved.

FY 2017 is the first year the Child Care Fund (CCF) budget process was fully integrated into MiSACWIS (Michigan's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System). In FY 2016, the budget process was conducted in a temporary environment in MiSACWIS which did not replicate the one counties and tribes used for FY 2017. Therefore, since many counties and tribes were unaccustomed to providing the specific accounting documentation necessary to support their budget requests it slowed the approval process. The instructions regarding required documentation were provided by MDHHS in written materials and trainings offered across the state however, many counties and tribes did not provide those necessary materials with their initial submission.

MDHHS is working to develop and implement a spend plan approval process tracking system for FY 2018.