

Response to Questions on the FY 2011 Budget

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Question: What is the impact of the home-based care reduction?

Response: The FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan includes a reduction of \$375,000 to home-based care services. Home-based care services assist with activities of daily living and are provided to eligible adults in their own homes. Services are task-based and include assisting persons with personal care tasks such as bathing, and also with meals, housekeeping, and laundry. Currently, participants in the program are not capped in the number of tasks they receive; however, this reduction will cap the number of tasks provided to each client. This approach will maximize the number of clients served and reduce the risk of instituting a waiting list. The Department of Family Services (DFS) estimates that as long as overall caseloads stay at current levels, this reduction can be phased-in as new clients are enrolled and services to existing clients do not need to be reduced. This reduction is also part of the senior services reorganization completed by the County.