

Department of Health and Social Services

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Capital Improvement Hearing
Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

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Facilities Overview

DHSS Facilities by the Numbers

1.55 million square feet

83 state-owned buildings

36 leased properties

11,048 work orders this past year

\$34.7 million deferred maintenance backlog



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Completed Projects

Public Health Laboratory Expansion:

- Biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) now operational

Modernize Facilities:

- Delaware Psychiatric Center Mitchell Building HVAC replacement
- New Castle County Controls Consolidation
- Main Administration Building Sprinkler System

Long-Term Projects for DHSS Facilities:

- Cooling Towers, Boilers and Controls
- Roof Replacements
- Sewer and Water System Replacements
- Gas Conversions and Electrical Upgrades
- Lease Consolidation and Optimizing State-Owned Space



PH Lab Extension



PFAS Testing

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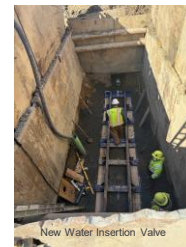
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Current Capital Projects

- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - Delmar
 - Countryside Hamlet
- New Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill
- Delaware Psychiatric Center Mitchell Building "sallyport"
- DHSS website
- Stockley Campus electric replacement



New Main



New Water Insertion Valve



New Skilled Nursing Facility - Rendering

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FY 2027 Governor’s Recommended Budget



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Technology Projects

	Project	FY 2027 GRB
ASSIST	Upgrade to SmartComm Cloud-Based Platform	\$408,000
H.R. 1	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – National Accuracy Clearinghouse (NAC) Compliance	\$2,100,000
H.R. 1	New Medicaid Employment, Education and Training Application Requirements	\$789,500
ASSIST	ASSIST Worker Web (AWW) Upgrade for Children’s Community Alternative Disability Program (CCADP) Compliance	\$152,440
ASSIST	Application for Social Services and Internal Screening Tool (ASSIST) Change Request and Error Backlog	\$2,383,333
Payment	Delaware Medicaid Enterprise System (DMES) System Integrator Implementation	\$289,997
ASSIST	ASSIST Refresh and Migration of the Public and Client Facing Subsystems	\$2,251,057
Payment	Delaware Medicaid Enterprise System (DMES) Provider Automated Billing System Upgrade	\$935,930



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Technology Projects – H.R. 1

- H.R. 1:
 - Imposes major new restrictions on who is eligible for safety net programs like Medicaid and SNAP
 - Requires certain additional specific data connections
 - Reduces federal support for admin and technology in SNAP from 50% to 25%
 - Makes states liable for SNAP benefit costs if the so-called “error rate” is above 6%
- GRB reflects implementation of new technology to implement these restrictions and changes

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Technology Projects – ASSIST Improvements

- Client facing improvements
 - SmartComm notice system
 - Migration of public-facing portal
 - Eligibility and renewal process for CCADP
- Change request backlog

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Technology Projects – Payment

- DMES system integrator
 - Moving toward modular design for Medicaid payment engine
- PABS
 - At the time of GRB development, DHSS requested \$935,930 to complete the PABS system
 - DHSS subsequently negotiated with vendor; secured completion of project under existing contract with no additional expenditure of state funds
 - Request this amount move to minor capital improvements

Other

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\$289,997

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256,682 Medicaid beneficiaries



115,470 SNAP enrollees



18,549 children in Purchase of Care



8,101 cash assistance households



10,799 public health clinic and mobile health clients



6,034 individuals with developmental disabilities served



20,473 clients treated for substance use disorder & mental health care



22,720 aging services participants



3,409 people with visual impairments or blindness



756 health facility surveys



\$72 million in child support collections



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