



Center for Public Policy Priorities

The Budget Conference Committee is rapidly finishing marking up the budget. The Article II (HHS) Workgroup is meeting this week. Its meetings are open to the public. It must report quickly to the Conference Committee, which plans to finish marking up Article II (HHS) at a meeting open to the public on April 29. The Conference Committee plans to finish marking up the entire budget between April 28 and May 2. These dates are subject to change.

The Senate and House propose to fund (and leave unfunded) different things. Critical services such as Medicaid Adult Benefits and Medically Needy Coverage may not be restored. Now is the time to make your voices heard by contacting the conferees and the leadership.

CPPP has sent its recommendations to the conferees. Our memo largely focuses on Article II, but also concerns some other areas. To give you an idea how far off the legislature is from our recommendations, funding everything we recommend--at least, what is in this memo of critical items--would add approximately another \$522 million in General Revenue to the House's proposed level of spending and approximately \$416 million to the Senate's. To read our recommendations go to: <http://www.cppp.org/files/6/conferee.pdf>.