



ALERT

THE VOICE OF
ADULT EDUCATION
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Alert #8 - FY2010

6/14/10

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** Federal (not state)
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Program staff (primarily)

FY11 POTENTIAL STATE BUDGET DEFICIT TIED TO FEDERAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

- The state budget will have a projected \$600 to \$700 million deficit next year if Congress does not approve an extension of the FMAP funding (Federal Medical Assistance Percentages), which provides Medicaid reimbursements to the state.
- If Congress does not approve this extension, Governor Patrick is proposing a 3.6% across the board cut in every line item except aid to public schools, unrestricted local aid and debt service obligations.
- A 3.6% budget cut would result in a \$1 million cut to the ABE line item which would likely impact the federal maintenance of effort and federal funding to Massachusetts for adult basic education.

CALL SENATORS KERRY AND BROWN IMMEDIATELY

- **Please call U.S. Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown immediately to urge them to approve the FMAP extension for Medicaid reimbursements.**
- **Senator John Kerry: 202-224-2742**
- **Senator Scott Brown: 202-224-4543**

QUESTIONS:

- For questions on this alert, contact Jennifer McAllister at jmcallister@mcae.net or 617-482-MCAE (6223), Roberta Soolman at litvolma@aol.com or 617-367-1313, or Steve Reuys at steve.reuys@umb.edu or 617-287-4071.
- Thank you for your help on this important issue.

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 16, 2010

10 a.m. to 12 noon
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