

# U.S. Medicare cut hits state — budget chief

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special writer

State management and budget director Shelby Solomon said recently he is concerned about the long-term economic effect of President Reagan's proposed budget for 1988-89. Solomon said it does not even attempt to meet the goals of last year's deficit reduction agreement.

Solomon, who said he disagrees with the priorities expressed in the \$100 million of cuts in outlays to the state, said the next administration — regardless of party — will have to address the issue with both spending cuts and tax increases.

The cuts, including a reduced federal share of the Medicaid program, were anticipated in Gov. James Blanchard's 1988-89 budget proposals.

THE \$1.09 TRILLION federal budget has a projected deficit of \$129.5 billion, down from \$150.4 billion in the current year, although Solomon said it is based on far more optimistic forecasts than most other projections.

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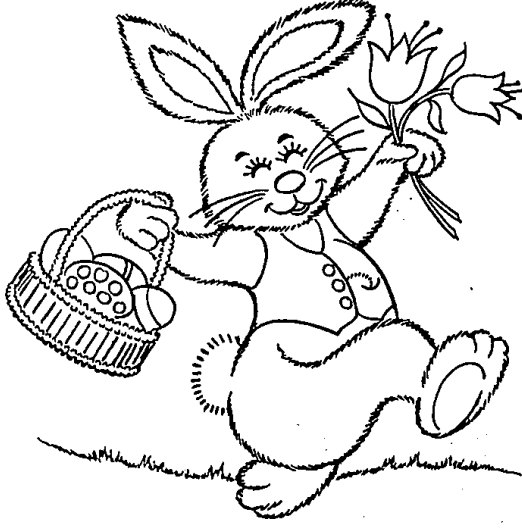
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Authority director David Hales said the criteria, which will be used to select three potential sites in which to store waste from Michigan and six neighboring states, otherwise follow established federal regulations and state law.

The proposed revisions would require legislative amendments to state law.

They would require the dump site to be located so any groundwater that might become contaminated would not reach an underground reservoir for 500 years.

They also would require measuring the 3,000-foot buffer from the waste repository itself, rather than from the perimeter of the site, which is already 3,000 feet from the repository.

Current criteria protects only underground reservoirs in use while the proposed revision would offer a far broader protection.

Reducing the size of the buffer zone to about two square miles from eight would increase the chances of getting a site on dense, relatively dry soil that offers more protection from leakage than would a sandy soil that would be expected using the larger area if it were also to be dry.

Public comment will be accepted by the authority until Tuesday, March 15. A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10 in the Delta Charter Township Hall,

7710 W. Saginaw, Lansing.

Hales said it will be late June before the three potential sites are selected and the 1993 deadline to open the site will be missed by at least nine months.

He said the federal timetable is unrealistic, but no plans have yet

been established for what to do with the waste from Jan. 1, 1993, when the sites are required to be open and the actual opening date.

The writer is executive director of the Michigan Press Association.

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