

The Agency

Office of Health and Human Services

Agency Operations

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) was created by statute during the 2006 Legislative session. The office was initially created by Executive Order in 2004 and had operated under the parameters of that order and a successive order (signed in 2005 to clarify the role of the office) for just over two years before being granted statutory authority.

The EOHHS was established for the purpose of coordinating the delivery and financing of health and human service programs touching virtually all Rhode Islanders and providing direct services to over 248,000. The cost of providing these services is over \$2.7 billion per year, or over forty-two percent of the entire state budget, and includes programs administered by the state's five health and human service departments (Health; Human Services; Children, Youth and Families; Elderly Affairs; and, Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals). The office is uniquely positioned to view health and social services from a more global perspective, enhancing its efforts to identify areas of duplication, overlap and opportunity.

The EOHHS serves as a mechanism for formalizing inter-departmental coordination and has taken steps to improve administrative efficiencies as well as the quality of health and human services policy and planning, budgeting and administration with the overall goal of improving service delivery across the social services system.

In addition, the office is responsible for coordinating the administration and financing of health care benefits, services and programs including those authorized by the Medicaid State Plan under Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act. This would include: serving as the Governor's chief advisor and liaison to federal policymakers on Medicaid issues and as the principal point of contact in the State on all related matters; reviewing any new departmental waiver requests and renewals as well as any initiatives and/or proposals requiring Medicaid State Plan amendments that may have an impact on Medicaid state-funded health care programs and, preparing an annual comprehensive overview of **all** Medicaid expenditures for the Governor and General Assembly.

Agency Objectives

To coordinate state health and human services to improve efficiencies and to enhance access and service delivery for those Rhode Islanders families, children, elderly, adults, adults with disabilities and others in need of assistance.

Statutory History

Title 42 Chapter 7.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the Executive Office of Health and Human Services within the Executive Branch of state government.

The Budget

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	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	-	-	3,292,204	6,540,349
Operating Supplies and Expenses	-	-	11,452	37,202
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$3,303,656	\$6,577,551
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	-	-	5,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$3,303,656	\$6,582,551
 Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	-	-	297,018	310,738
Federal Funds	-	-	2,590,789	5,826,265
Restricted Reciepts	-	-	415,849	445,548
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$3,303,656	\$6,582,551
 FTE Authorization				
	-	-	5.0	5.0
 Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of Workforce	NA	NA	-	-
Females as a Percentage of Workforce	NA	NA	80.0%	80.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	NA	NA	-	-