

The Agency

Department of Health

Agency Operations

“Safe and Healthy Lives in Safe and Healthy Communities”! All the programs and services of the Rhode Island Department of Health contribute to this one vision. It organizes and prioritizes the department’s response to threats to public health and measures its accomplishments.

The Department of Health embraces multi-faceted and broad-ranging public health responsibilities at the state and local level. Its mission is “to prevent disease and to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island.” To reach its objectives the department employs services and policies based on the science of public health epidemiology.

The Department of Health includes seven programs: Central Management, Office of the State Medical Examiner, Family Health, Health Services Regulation, Environmental Health, Health Laboratories, and Disease Prevention and Control.

Program Objectives

The Rhode Island Department of Health consists of eight “core functions”, including:

- Assure safe food and water supply; respond to emergencies
- Control infectious and communicable disease; promote health and control chronic disease, injury, and disabilities; assure positive pregnancy outcomes
- Monitor the health of the population and maintain a public health knowledge-base; assure health care quality and minimum standards, and competency of health facilities and professional licensees
- Assist high-risk populations to needed health services; develop insights through research and lead the development of health policy and planning

Statutory History

The Department of Health was established by Section 23-1-1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. This section states that “the Department of Health shall take cognizance of the interests of life and health among the peoples of the state; shall make investigations into the causes of disease, the prevalence of epidemics and endemics among the people, the sources of mortality, the effect of localities, employments and all other conditions, ascertain the causes and the best means for the prevention and control of diseases or conditions detrimental to the public health, and adopt proper and expedient measures to prevent and control such diseases and conditions in the State. It shall publish and circulate, from time to time, such information as the Director may deem to be important and useful for diffusion among people of the State, and shall investigate, and give advice in relation to such subjects relating to public health as may be referred to it by the General Assembly or by the Governor when the General Assembly is not in session, or when requested by any city or town. The department shall adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary, not inconsistent with law, to carry out the purposes of this section.”

The Budget

Department of Health

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Program				
Central Management	12,378,885	15,472,264	13,592,931	12,683,628
State Medical Examiner	1,968,642	2,041,726	2,293,545	2,298,542
Family Health	36,699,758	36,176,889	45,941,452	50,626,252
Health Services Regulation	9,539,333	10,774,435	11,742,700	11,873,167
Environmental Health	9,659,268	9,446,238	12,685,793	12,680,188
Health Laboratories	8,429,598	9,373,721	8,980,746	10,334,452
Disease Prevention and Control	26,256,400	24,901,949	24,879,388	23,712,314
Total Expenditures	\$104,931,884	\$108,187,222	\$120,116,555	\$124,208,543
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	47,553,737	51,094,887	54,246,060	56,026,737
Operating Supplies and Expenses	19,853,209	21,794,942	29,350,329	35,143,888
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	11,399,741	12,533,324	10,853,638
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	35,333,463	22,533,414	22,713,398	21,012,630
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$102,740,409	\$106,822,984	\$118,843,111	\$123,036,893
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,181,984	1,364,238	1,273,444	1,171,650
Debt Service	9,491	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$104,931,884	\$108,187,222	\$120,116,555	\$124,208,543
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	29,859,395	37,324,533	34,417,579	34,204,438
Federal Funds	64,504,296	59,869,026	66,437,481	65,079,387
Restricted Receipts	10,530,235	10,972,382	19,226,042	24,896,042
Other Funds	37,958	21,281	35,453	28,676
Total Expenditures	\$104,931,884	\$108,187,222	\$120,116,555	\$124,208,543
FTE Authorization	497.9	499.4	465.6	457.7
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	13.5%	13.5%	13.7%	14.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	65.6%	66.7%	67.0%	67.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%

The Program

Department of Health Central Management

Program Operations

Central Management includes three sub-programs: Executive Functions, Management Services, and Health Information and Communication. The Executive Function, headed by the Director of Health, provides overall direction for the department and coordinates operations across program lines to carry out statutory mandates. The director and senior management establish critical policy issues intended to guide the development of public health policies, programs, and services including assuring that the quality and access to health care services is maintained in the face of rapid change; developing and maintaining the knowledge base of public health and use information to improve health; enhancing community capacity and structure so that communities will improve their health; eliminating disparities in health among populations; and developing support for public health.

Management Services administers Budget and Finance, Personnel, Information Systems, and the Office of Vital Records. Budget and Finance prepares and executes the departmental budget and performs allocation control and cash management of all accounts. Budget and Finance is also responsible for purchasing and support services, which manages all purchasing and facility maintenance functions in the department. The Personnel Office implements all personnel actions and labor relations functions. Information Systems plans, evaluates, implements and manages data processing and electronic communications systems.

Health Information and Communication consists of five units: Health Statistics, Performance Measurement and Reporting, Communications, Minority Health, and Worksite Wellness. Health Statistics collects, analyzes, and reports administrative, survey, and special study data. Performance Measurement and Reporting collects, analyzes and publicly reports data reflecting the health care quality of licensed health care facilities and certified health plans. Communications disseminates health data and information to the public via the mass media including the Department of Health website. Minority Health provides staff support to the Minority Health Advisory Council and develops Community-Based Minority Health Promotion Centers. Worksite Wellness promotes worksite wellness in the Department of Health and in the community. Health Information and Communication is also responsible for the establishment of Year 2010 Health Objectives, and the monitoring of Hospital Community Benefits.

Program Objectives

Prevent disease; protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island; maintain an effective and efficient system for management of the department; maintain a knowledge base for public health policy, planning and program development; and inform and educate the public concerning the health of the state population.

Statutory History

General authority is provided in Title 23 Chapter 1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Central Management

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Executive Functions	517,738	2,173,154	4,379,661	2,870,986
Management Services	9,268,678	10,486,278	5,702,012	6,320,225
Health Policy and Planning	2,592,469	2,812,832	3,511,258	3,492,417
Total Expenditures	\$12,378,885	\$15,472,264	\$13,592,931	\$12,683,628
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	7,772,346	8,425,611	7,645,990	8,492,363
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,471,087	1,581,979	2,572,150	2,200,455
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	1,510,332	287,403	300,000
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,837,844	3,708,004	2,847,747	1,543,310
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$12,081,277	\$15,225,926	\$13,353,290	\$12,536,128
Capital Purchases and Equipment	297,608	246,338	239,641	147,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$12,378,885	\$15,472,264	\$13,592,931	\$12,683,628
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	4,692,667	7,743,238	5,108,167	4,110,401
Federal Funds	4,074,442	3,696,385	4,923,519	4,856,361
Restricted Receipts	3,611,599	4,032,641	3,553,245	3,716,866
Other Funds	177	-	8,000	-
Total Expenditures	\$12,378,885	\$15,472,264	\$13,592,931	\$12,683,628
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health State Medical Examiner

Program Operations

The Office of the State Medical Examiner investigates causes of death that involve injury, are sudden, unexpected, and unexplained; or causes of death that may, in any way, endanger public health and safety. Investigations cover all known or suspected homicides, suicides, accidents, sudden infant deaths, drug-related deaths, and medically unattended deaths. Investigation techniques include scene investigation, study of medical and police records, autopsy, body inspection, bodily fluid investigation and other tests as deemed necessary. The Medical Examiner's Office keeps complete records on all cases and provides expert testimony on criminal cases for the state law enforcement agencies and the courts. The Office of the State Medical Examiner is required by statute to approve all cremations performed in Rhode Island.

Other functions of the office include research in forensic pathology; education and training of resident and fellow physicians; training law enforcement personnel in techniques of homicide investigations; and disseminating public information about causes of death in the State.

Program Objectives

- Investigate and determine the manner and circumstance of death and to properly and accurately certify the cause of death in unnatural cases
- Promote safety and reduce untimely deaths through research and education
- Maintain a knowledge base for public health and use information to improve health status
- Control infectious and communicable disease

Statutory History

The Office of the State Medical Examiners is authorized under Title 23 Chapter 4 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health State Medical Examiner

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	1,787,421	1,842,735	2,100,394	2,085,981
Operating Supplies and Expenses	166,387	194,762	193,151	162,561
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,953,808	\$2,037,497	\$2,293,545	\$2,248,542
Capital Purchases and Equipment	14,834	4,229	-	50,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,968,642	\$2,041,726	\$2,293,545	\$2,298,542
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	1,828,165	1,897,475	2,158,127	2,156,986
Federal Funds	140,477	144,251	135,418	141,556
Total Expenditures	\$1,968,642	\$2,041,726	\$2,293,545	\$2,298,542
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health Family Health

Program Operations

Family Health assesses and addresses the health and developmental needs of children and their families by developing comprehensive family-centered systems of care. Functions include development, coordination, and evaluation of children's and women's health programs within the Department of Health. The Maternal and Child Health sub-program includes the Children's Preventive Services and Adolescent and Young Adult Health Services, including Newborn Screening, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Childhood Immunization, Family Planning, Home Visiting Risk Response, and Men 2B Role Model Support Programs. The Children with Special Health Needs sub-program offers family-centered, community-based services for children with, or at risk of, chronic health conditions and disabilities, the Hearing Assessment, the Child Development Center, and the Disability and Health programs. The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) sub-program provides supplemental nutritious foods and nutrition education for infants, young children, and pregnant women who are at medical or nutritional risk. Expert data, evaluation, and communications capacity, as well as a statewide public health tracking system through KIDSNET support all Family Health programs.

Program Objectives

- Assure the positive outcome of pregnancies and promote optimal child development
- Prevent death, disease, and disability among children
- Encourage life-long patterns of healthy behavior
- Support effective parenting in present and future generations
- Improve access to and quality of health care for children and families at high risk
- Promote humane, effective and efficient health services for children with chronic disease and/or developmental disabilities
- Maintain a knowledge base for public health, particularly for health risks and needs among mothers and children in Rhode Island
- Eliminate disparities in health among population groups
- Define the role of community in our mission and implement strategies to enhance community and individual participation in improving health status
- Invest in safe and healthy communities through family-neighborhood and school-health partnerships

Statutory History

Authorization for programs within Family Health is contained in Title 23 Chapter 13, Title 40.1 Chapter 22, and Title 42 Chapter 12.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws; the Rhode Island Childhood Lead Program is mandated by Title 23 Chapter 24.6; the authorization for the WIC Program is under Rhode Island General Law Title 23, Chapter 13-17 and PL 102-518; and the authorization for the Immunization Program and the Central Registry of Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injuries under Disabilities Prevention Program is in R.I.G.L. Title 23, Chapter 1.

The Budget

Department of Health Family Health

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Office of the Medical Director	5,232,119	4,419,830	5,564,264	5,166,728
Women, Infants and Children	28,307,700	28,324,755	36,687,823	42,071,683
Children's Preventive Health Services	1,641,849	1,810,873	1,595,928	1,386,584
Family, Youth and School Success	1,518,090	1,621,431	2,093,437	2,001,257
Total Expenditures	\$36,699,758	\$36,176,889	\$45,941,452	\$50,626,252
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	7,301,226	7,201,215	9,015,521	9,265,212
Operating Supplies and Expenses	6,032,366	7,697,519	13,538,327	18,653,280
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	4,809,832	6,489,489	5,964,295
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	23,184,175	16,529,281	16,864,615	16,714,965
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$36,517,767	\$36,237,847	\$45,907,952	\$50,597,752
Capital Purchases and Equipment	172,500	(60,958)	33,500	28,500
Debt Service	9,491	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$36,699,758	\$36,176,889	\$45,941,452	\$50,626,252
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	2,897,679	2,204,661	2,933,625	2,588,535
Federal Funds	29,490,705	28,840,962	30,207,990	29,851,256
Restricted Receipts	4,311,374	5,131,266	12,799,837	18,186,461
Total Expenditures	\$36,699,758	\$36,176,889	\$45,941,452	\$50,626,252
Program Measures				
Number of Births per 1,000 Teens Aged 15-17	38.6	38.5	36.9	35.5
Percent of Children with Blood Lead Levels Greater than 10 ug/dl for the first time in their lives	621.0	520.0	420.0	320.0
Percentage of Infants of Low Income Women Ever Breastfed	65.0%	66.5%	68.0%	69.5%
Percent of Preschool Children with Complete Immunization	81.5%	80.1%	82.0%	83.0%
Number of Times Pediatric Providers Access KIDSNET	38,522	140,000	180,000	190,000

The Program

Department of Health Health Services Regulation

Program Operations

The Division of Health Services Regulation licenses, certifies, and enforces regulations relating to health care professionals and facilities, managed care organizations and health systems development. Also, complaints from any source are investigated and, if substantiated, appropriate compliance action is initiated. The division is organized by responsibilities for licensure, oversight, and regulatory functions by category of licensure.

The Office of Facilities Regulation is responsible for ensuring that all federally certified and state-licensed health care facilities or providers meet the applicable conditions and regulations of the law; that compliance is formally recognized through the licensure and certification process, which involves survey visits and other inspections for continuing compliance.

The Office of Health Professionals Regulation oversees the licensure, certification, registration, and discipline of more than 70,000 individuals in 65 health occupations and 2,600 facilities. The office also oversees the administrative and regulatory functions of 35 licensing boards comprising 325 members representing the various professions and consumers.

The Office of Managed Care Regulation is responsible for ensuring that all certified Health Maintenance Organizations, Utilization Review Agencies, and Health Plans meet the conditions and regulations of the applicable laws. Survey data is reported, compiled, and analyzed as required. Staff conducts on-site surveys and inspections and administers certification processes.

The Office of Health Systems Development administers the State's "Certificate of Need" Program designed to prevent unnecessary duplication of expensive medical services and equipment; and reviews proposed hospital conversions, proposed changes in ownership of existing health care facilities, and requests for initial health facility licensure.

Program Objectives

- Direct and coordinate the department's health services regulatory activities; Assure minimum standards and competency of health facilities, managed care organizations, and professional licensees; promote high quality health care services through licensed health care facilities, licensed health care professionals, certified managed care organizations, and health plans
- Assure the appropriate use of drugs and other controlled substances through enforcement, compliance, and regulatory activities; assure that the quality of health care services is maintained in the face of rapid change
- Inform and educate the public of licensee information and nursing home quality information through the department's web site

Statutory History

Authorization for programs within Health Services Regulation is contained in Titles 5, 21, 23, 31 and 42 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Health Services Regulation

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Medical Licensure and Discipline	618,752	683,802	734,559	778,493
Professional Regulation	2,558,225	2,568,146	3,334,435	3,294,162
Facilities Regulations	4,089,242	4,572,972	4,964,968	5,137,301
Managed Care	2,273,114	2,949,515	2,708,738	2,663,211
Total Expenditures	\$9,539,333	\$10,774,435	\$11,742,700	\$11,873,167
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	7,500,229	8,545,295	9,867,657	10,024,857
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,081,267	1,499,082	1,205,803	1,179,276
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	440,044	255,000	255,000
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	428,083	-	75,000	75,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$9,009,579	\$10,484,421	\$11,403,460	\$11,534,133
Capital Purchases and Equipment	529,754	290,014	339,240	339,034
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$9,539,333	\$10,774,435	\$11,742,700	\$11,873,167
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	4,235,148	4,994,304	6,485,853	6,522,612
Federal Funds	5,010,066	5,437,278	4,853,216	4,913,651
Restricted Receipts	294,119	342,853	403,631	436,904
Total Expenditures	\$9,539,333	\$10,774,435	\$11,742,700	\$11,873,167
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health Environmental Health

Program Operations

The Environmental Health Program protects and promotes the public's health in the areas of drinking water quality, food protection, occupational and radiological health, and environmental lead.

The Environmental Health Risk Assessment sub-program provides technical support to environmental and occupational health programs. This office conducts risk assessments; provides expert consultation on environmental hazards; responds to complaints about environmental tobacco smoke; conducts surveillance of chemical spills and releases; responds to calls from the public concerning environmental health issues; and provides emergency response planning for the Department of Health.

The Drinking Water Quality sub-program protects public health by assuring that public drinking water supplies comply with the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act. It reviews and approves projects for financial assistance and plans for public water system infrastructure maintenance and repair.

The Food Protection sub-program protects and promotes health and prevents disease by assuring the safety and quality of the food supply from harvest to consumer. Food Protection regulates over 8,500 food businesses; responds to more than 1,100 complaints annually; investigates the causes of food-borne outbreaks; and administers the Food Manager Certification Program. It also is **responsible** for assuring water quality at Rhode Island's public bathing beaches.

The Occupational and Radiological Health sub-program protects and promotes the health of Rhode Islanders through programs regarding the control of health and safety hazards at the worksite, environmental lead hazards, and radiation hazards. The office provides free safety and health consultation services to employers and licensees; inspects x-ray equipment; administers a licensing and inspection program for by-product radioactive materials; and protects Rhode Island's children from lead hazards by enforcing regulations to ensure these hazards are abated.

Program Objectives

- Identify, prevent, and remediate environmental and occupational health hazards to protect the public's health; develop and maintain the knowledge base for public health and use it to improve health status
- Define the role of community development in our mission and implement strategies to enhance community and individual participation in improving health status; reduce disparities in health status among sub-populations

Statutory History

Authorization for the Environmental Health program is contained in Title 2, Title 21, Title 23, Title 28, and Title 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Environmental Health

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Drinking Water Quality	4,382,105	4,010,800	7,121,249	7,203,596
Food Protection	2,605,463	2,666,967	2,824,281	2,984,219
Occupational and Radiological Health	1,685,525	1,781,527	1,668,074	1,422,990
Environmental Health Risk Assessment	986,175	986,944	1,072,189	1,069,383
Total Expenditures	\$9,659,268	\$9,446,238	\$12,685,793	\$12,680,188
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	7,567,975	8,050,405	8,496,719	8,532,940
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,055,756	948,687	2,403,548	2,402,722
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	159,531	20,000	20,000
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	435,298	133,869	1,260,410	1,219,410
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$9,059,029	\$9,292,492	\$12,180,677	\$12,175,072
Capital Purchases and Equipment	600,239	153,746	505,116	505,116
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$9,659,268	\$9,446,238	\$12,685,793	\$12,680,188
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	4,394,820	4,418,225	4,300,670	4,199,516
Federal Funds	3,789,001	3,545,589	5,915,794	5,924,861
Restricted Receipts	1,475,447	1,482,424	2,469,329	2,555,811
Total Expenditures	\$9,659,268	\$9,446,238	\$12,685,793	\$12,680,188
Program Measures				
Population Served by Public Water Systems	76.0%	86.0%	85.0%	85.0%
Number of Food Borne Illnesses per 100k pop.	35.3	31.4	33.0	33.0

The Program

Department of Health Health Laboratories

Program Operations

The Health Laboratories monitor and protect public health and safety through modern scientific laboratory services. These services include surveillance testing for early detection of diseases such as tuberculosis, rabies, West Nile Virus, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, Lyme disease, pertussis, rubella, measles, and other emerging diseases as well as pathogens which may represent a bioterrorism threat; surveillance and testing for lead poisoning; analysis of food products, drinking and waste water, soil and air for the presence of potentially toxic environmental contaminants; analysis of evidence obtained during the investigation of crimes such as homicide, sexual assault, drug trafficking, and drunk driving. Staff from the Health Laboratories presents expert testimony in court; and respond to public health emergencies such as man-made and natural disasters and epidemics.

The Health Laboratories analyze approximately 250,000 specimens each year. In addition to the Department of Health, the laboratory serves the Attorney General, the Department of Environmental Management, state and municipal law enforcement agencies, hospitals, private laboratories, and health care professionals. Health Laboratories offer public services to individuals, primarily on a fee-for-service basis.

Program Objectives

- Protect the public health and safety through the application of modern scientific methods
- Assure that the quality of health care services is maintained in the face of rapid changes
- Develop and maintain the knowledge base for public health and use it to improve health status
- Develop support for public health

Statutory History

Authorization for the Laboratories Program is contained in Title 23 Chapters 1, 11 and 13; Title 31 Chapter 27; and Title 41 chapter 3.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Health Laboratories

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures By Subprogram				
Administrative and Support Services	1,500,970	1,758,310	1,578,512	2,921,856
Forensic Sciences	1,755,094	1,995,231	2,076,446	2,053,881
Environmental Sciences	3,618,924	4,040,161	3,401,757	3,304,103
Biological Sciences	1,554,610	1,580,019	1,924,031	2,054,612
Total Expenditures	\$8,429,598	\$9,373,721	\$8,980,746	\$10,334,452
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	6,025,325	6,849,444	7,121,197	7,249,066
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,888,399	1,841,461	1,758,702	3,038,986
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	755	365	400	400
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$7,914,479	\$8,691,270	\$8,880,299	\$10,288,452
Capital Purchases and Equipment	515,119	682,451	100,447	46,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$8,429,598	\$9,373,721	\$8,980,746	\$10,334,452
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	5,843,795	6,234,298	6,605,105	8,270,513
Federal Funds	2,585,803	3,139,423	2,375,641	2,063,939
Total Expenditures	\$8,429,598	\$9,373,721	\$8,980,746	\$10,334,452
Program Measures				
Percentage of Proficiency Test Results				
Found Acceptable	96.0%	99.0%	99.1%	99.2%
Percentage of Human Specimen Test Results				
Found Acceptable	99.6%	98.8%	99.0%	99.0%

The Program

Department of Health Disease Prevention and Control

Program Operations

Disease Prevention and Control promotes and protects community and individual health through the detection, surveillance, control, and eradication of infectious, communicable, and vector-borne diseases, and through the surveillance and control of chronic diseases.

The Communicable Diseases sub-program conducts surveillance, outbreak control, follow-up, case investigations, and public education regarding infectious and reportable diseases. Lyme disease, Hepatitis A and B, rabies, Hantavirus, and mosquito-borne disease currently threaten public health. The Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program assures TB clinical services, provides outreach and daily, directly observed therapy to active cases, and conducts surveillance activities. The AIDS/STD Program monitors the epidemics of HIV infection, AIDS and STDs, and targets prevention strategies to high-risk groups.

The Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion sub-program seeks to promote healthy lifestyles by reducing smoking, poor nutrition, sedentary lifestyles, injury causing behaviors and the incidence of chronic diseases and their attendant complications.

The Primary Care sub-program works with health care professionals, institutions and other state and voluntary agencies to improve the availability, accessibility and quality of primary care. Programs focus on prevention and early detection of disease and on maintenance of health.

Program Objectives

- Improve access to timely, high quality, cost-effective primary health care for all Rhode Islanders; detect, control and eradicate communicable diseases, including AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Educate the public about the control of infectious and communicable diseases; monitor chronic diseases and educate the public about how to adopt healthy lifestyles
- Develop standards and monitor the provision of appropriate, quality, primary care; assure that the quality of health care services (particularly primary care) is maintained in the face of rapid change
- Develop and maintain the knowledge base for public health and use it to improve health status; define the role of community development in our mission and implement strategies to enhance community and individual participation in improving health status
- Reduce disparities in health status among sub-populations; develop support for public health

Statutory History

The programs and duties of Disease Prevention and Control are defined in Title 23 Chapters 1, 3, 6, 12, 14.1, 20, 20.6, 20.7, 20.9, 23 and 24; Title 5 Chapter 31.1; and Title 15 Chapter 1 to 3.

The Budget

Department of Health Disease Prevention and Control

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Primary Care	748,540	955,484	909,482	974,957
Chronic Disease Prevention	10,157,779	8,072,970	8,510,859	8,478,505
Communicable Diseases	15,350,081	15,873,495	15,459,047	14,258,852
Total Expenditures	\$26,256,400	\$24,901,949	\$24,879,388	\$23,712,314
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	9,599,215	10,180,182	9,998,582	10,376,318
Operating Supplies and Expenses	8,157,947	8,031,452	7,678,648	7,506,608
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	4,480,002	5,481,432	4,314,343
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	8,447,308	2,161,895	1,665,226	1,459,545
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$26,204,470	\$24,853,531	\$24,823,888	\$23,656,814
Capital Purchases and Equipment	51,930	48,418	55,500	55,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$26,256,400	\$24,901,949	\$24,879,388	\$23,712,314
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	5,967,121	9,832,332	6,826,032	6,355,875
Federal Funds	19,413,802	15,065,138	18,025,903	17,327,763
Restricted Receipts	837,696	(16,802)	-	-
Other Funds	37,781	21,281	27,453	28,676
Total Expenditures	\$26,256,400	\$24,901,949	\$24,879,388	\$23,712,314
Program Measures				
Percentage of RI Adults Age 18+ who Smoke	21.0%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%
Percentage of Students Grades 9-12 who Smoke	19.3%	15.9%	17.0%	18.0%
Percentage of Active Tuberculosis Cases Completing Therapy	90.0%	89.5%	90.0%	90.0%
Percentage of Women Age 40+ Receiving Annual Mammograms	32.0%	34.0%	36.0%	38.0%
Percentage of Women Age 40+ Receiving Annual Pap Smears	62.0%	64.0%	66.0%	68.0%
Percentage of Diabetic Patients of RI Chronic Care Collaborative Participants (RICCC) who have received at Least One Hemoglobin A1c in the Past Twelve Months	66.0%	70.0%	75.0%	80.0%
Average Hemoglobin A1c for Diabetic Patients of RICCC Participants	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.3
Number of Aids/HIV Deaths per Year	12	17	19	21