

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, Community and Family Health and Equity, Environmental and Health Services Regulation, Health Laboratories, Public Health Information and Infectious Disease and Epidemiology. *For the purposes of consolidating and integrating the aspect of criminal investigation with the collection, review, investigation analysis and reporting of evidence obtained through forensic sciences, the Governor recommends transferring the Forensic Sciences Unit to the Department of Public Safety in FY 2010.*

Program Objectives

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

- Assuring safe food and water supply; responding to emergencies
- Controlling infectious and communicable disease; promoting health and control chronic disease, injury, and disabilities; assuring positive pregnancy outcomes
- Monitoring the health of the population and maintaining a public health knowledge-base; assuring health care quality and minimum standards, and competency of health facilities and professional licensees
- Assisting high-risk populations to needed health services; developing insights through research and leading 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 Rhode Island. 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 Rhode Island, 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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	12,899,744	15,058,314	14,828,732	15,873,781	15,669,191
State Medical Examiner	2,127,549	2,154,700	2,384,072	2,948,037	2,968,651
Environmental & Health Services Reg.	14,101,664	14,746,197	16,647,027	17,143,391	17,092,296
Health Laboratories	7,371,066	7,472,070	8,332,987	7,711,742	5,904,985
Public Health Information	2,609,209	3,872,445	3,993,472	4,306,213	4,368,423
Community & Family Health & Equity	61,306,489	79,240,708	75,155,497	81,724,053	83,528,615
Infectious Disease & Epidemiology	4,221,262	4,007,575	4,735,989	4,216,928	4,524,788
Total Expenditures	\$104,636,983	\$126,552,009	\$126,077,776	\$133,924,145	\$134,056,949
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	50,539,033	65,910,760	52,986,606	57,306,274	57,130,730
Operating Supplies and Expenses	18,922,783	20,854,640	32,480,386	33,001,400	34,036,692
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	34,768,584	39,184,772	38,916,394	42,615,465	42,409,432
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$104,230,400	\$125,950,172	\$124,383,386	\$132,923,139	\$133,576,854
Capital Purchases and Equipment	406,583	601,837	1,694,390	1,001,006	480,095
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$104,636,983	\$126,552,009	\$126,077,776	\$133,924,145	\$134,056,949
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	31,490,514	29,985,420	32,281,674	30,753,976	30,596,230
Federal Funds	60,912,005	80,827,914	68,180,665	78,221,330	78,444,370
Restricted Receipts	12,204,993	15,692,703	25,486,027	24,717,414	24,784,937
Other Funds	29,471	45,972	129,410	231,425	231,412
Total Expenditures	\$104,636,983	\$126,552,009	\$126,077,776	\$133,924,145	\$134,056,949
FTE Authorization	465.6	459.0	413.5	409.6	414.6
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	13.5%	14.2%	14.1%	14.3%	14.5%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	66.7%	68.0%	68.0%	68.0%	68.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	1.2%	1.0%	1.5%	1.0%	2.0%

The Program

Department of Health Central Management

Program Operations

Central Management includes three sub-programs: Executive Functions, Management Services, and Emergency Preparedness and Response. 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, and Information Systems. 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.

Emergency Preparedness and Response provides a coordination of education, assessment, planning, response and support services involving public health providers, private medical providers, public safety agencies and government officials to create and promote a state of readiness and prompt response to protect the health of Rhode Island during catastrophic events, large-scale disasters and emergencies.

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 Public Health Emergency Preparedness funding is authorized under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. Public Law 107-188, enacts Section 319C of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d-3a. The Hospital Preparedness Program is authorized under Public Health Services Act Sections 301, 307, 311 and 319, public Law 108-111, U.S.C. 247d-3.

The Budget

Department of Health Central Management

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Executive Functions	954,556	825,795	2,090,999	2,051,827	3,312,697
Management Services	4,753,796	4,055,621	3,440,797	2,266,683	2,096,222
Emergency Preparedness & Response	7,191,392	10,176,898	9,296,936	11,555,271	10,260,272
Total Expenditures	\$12,899,744	\$15,058,314	\$14,828,732	\$15,873,781	\$15,669,191
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	7,749,963	6,446,624	6,476,962	7,580,582	8,348,236
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,832,591	4,550,307	4,280,959	4,591,153	4,009,810
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,158,996	3,632,028	3,436,210	3,338,546	3,252,645
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$12,741,550	\$14,628,959	\$14,194,131	\$15,510,281	\$15,610,691
Capital Purchases and Equipment	158,194	429,355	634,601	363,500	58,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$12,899,744	\$15,058,314	\$14,828,732	\$15,873,781	\$15,669,191
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,432,565	1,808,679	2,682,917	2,343,745	2,304,615
Federal Funds	7,206,183	9,177,622	8,296,936	10,855,271	10,860,272
Restricted Receipts	3,260,996	4,072,013	3,848,879	2,674,765	2,504,304
Total Expenditures	\$12,899,744	\$15,058,314	\$14,828,732	\$15,873,781	\$15,669,191
Program Measures	NA	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 the 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 Examiners' 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: participation in mass disaster preparedness protocol development and training; 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.
- Assure that the quality of health care services is maintained in the face of rapid change.

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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,913,530	1,929,988	2,111,950	2,628,018	2,705,246
Operating Supplies and Expenses	200,684	195,723	199,122	234,719	235,905
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$2,114,214	\$2,125,711	\$2,311,072	\$2,862,737	\$2,941,151
Capital Purchases and Equipment	13,335	28,989	73,000	85,300	27,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,127,549	\$2,154,700	\$2,384,072	\$2,948,037	\$2,968,651
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,983,872	1,999,900	2,360,089	2,783,220	2,833,634
Federal Funds	143,677	154,800	23,983	164,817	135,017
Total Expenditures	\$2,127,549	\$2,154,700	\$2,384,072	\$2,948,037	\$2,968,651
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health Community and Family Health and Equity

Program Operations

The Division of Community, Family Health and Equity (DCFHE) provides leadership, planning, and infrastructure to the Department of Health's efforts to eliminate health disparities; assure healthy child development, and reduce, prevent and control chronic diseases and disabilities and risk factors, as well as HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis. The division also plans, develops, and evaluates programs and family-centered systems of care, which are comprehensive, community-based, culturally competent, coordinated and effective. The division achieves its goals and objectives through seven sub-programs: 1) Office of Associate Director, 2) Health Disparities and Access to Care; 3) Healthy Homes and Environments; 4) Chronic Care and Disease Management; 5) Health Promotion and Wellness; 6) Perinatal and Early Childhood; and 7) Preventive Services and Community Practices.

- Office of Associate Director: provides leadership and direction to all sub-programs
- Health Disparities and Access to Care: plans, develops and implements programs to eliminate health disparities for certain sub-cultural groups, populations with special needs and in rural areas
- Healthy Homes and Environments: protects the health and safety of children and families by decreasing, if not eliminating, environmental hazards such as lead
- Chronic Care and Disease Management: utilize a systems approach to chronic care management to improve health outcomes
- Health Promotion and Wellness: reduces and prevents diseases and disabilities amongst school-aged children through education, training, outreach and intervention
- Perinatal and Early Childhood Health: provides access to a system of quality maternal and child health and developmental services
- Preventive Services and Community Practices: reduces the incidence of health problems or disease prevalence in the community, or the personal risk factors for such diseases or conditions

Program Objectives

- Ensuring that all populations have equal access to high quality health services
- Establishing and strengthening partnerships to enhance and improve public health at the community, provider and consumer levels
- Developing and promoting healthy homes and environments for families through training, education, and outreach
- Engaging and empowering parents through their involvement in public health policy and program development
- Developing new models of health care capacity that connects community primary health and mental health providers to nutrition, child care and education
- Improve women's health and pregnancy outcomes through training, education, outreach and partnerships with communities and reproductive health professionals and facilities

Statutory History

Authorization for Community and Family Health and Equity is contained in Title 1, 35, 56 and 76 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Community and Family Health and Equity

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Associate Director	4,868,394	4,147,288	5,002,724	5,305,210	5,253,870
Health Disparities and Access	1,980,902	1,454,620	1,372,438	1,515,993	1,533,297
Healthy Homes and Environment	3,513,173	3,199,685	3,219,848	3,856,256	3,814,285
Chronic Care and Disease Management	12,882,002	12,505,418	13,998,937	15,463,708	15,436,175
Health Promotion and Wellness	4,945,416	4,086,688	4,464,130	5,077,506	4,942,133
Prenatal and Early Childhood	24,613,735	27,511,989	27,877,818	30,934,247	30,923,617
Preventative Svcs and Community Practices	8,502,867	26,335,020	19,219,602	19,571,133	21,625,238
Total Expenditures	\$61,306,489	\$79,240,708	\$75,155,497	\$81,724,053	\$83,528,615
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	18,149,330	32,244,177	17,492,534	20,146,701	19,999,210
Operating Supplies and Expenses	11,652,550	12,556,216	23,532,290	23,751,840	25,703,915
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	31,496,082	34,406,470	34,019,297	37,786,362	37,786,340
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$61,297,962	\$79,206,863	\$75,044,121	\$81,684,903	\$83,489,465
Capital Purchases and Equipment	8,527	33,845	111,376	39,150	39,150
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$61,306,489	\$79,240,708	\$75,155,497	\$81,724,053	\$83,528,615
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	8,668,498	7,465,848	6,151,991	6,063,460	6,065,874
Federal Funds	45,855,129	62,618,842	50,537,986	56,564,189	58,374,263
Restricted Receipts	6,753,351	9,110,096	18,336,110	18,864,979	18,857,066
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	29,511	45,922	129,410	231,425	231,412
Total Expenditures	\$61,306,489	\$79,240,708	\$75,155,497	\$81,724,053	\$83,528,615
Program Measures					
No. of Births per 1,000 Teen aged 15-17 in RI Core Cities	40.7	39	38.5	38.5	38
Community & Family Health & Equity (DOH)/Planning Number of Children with Blood Levels greater than 10ug/dl for the 1st Time in Their Lives	500	348	248	248	148
Percent of Low Income Women Infants ever Breastfed	66.1%	72.4%	74.0%	74.0%	75.0%
Percent of Preschool Children w/Complete Immunizations	76.8%	75.0%	78.0%	78.0%	80.0%
Number of Times Pediatric Providers Access KIDSNET	133,817	219,604	350,000	350,000	400,000
Percent of Adults Over 18 Who Smoke	19.4%	17.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%
Percent of Adolescent Student Grades 9-12 Who Smoke	15.9%	15.1%	15.1%	15.1%	15.1%
Percent of Program Eligible Women Age 40-64 Receiving Annual Mammograms	36.0%	38.0%	38.5%	38.5%	39.0%
Percent of program Eligible Women Age 40-64 Receiving Annual Pap Smears	66.0%	68.0%	69.0%	69.0%	70.0%
Percentage of Diabetic Patients of RICCC who have Received one Hemoglobin A1c in the Past 12 Months	68.0%	74.0%	75.0%	75.0%	76.0%
Avg Hemoglobin A1c for Diabetic Patients of RICCC Participants	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.3
Number of AIDS/HIV Death's per year in RI	35	24	25	25	30
Percent of Calls to Poison Control Center Managed Without a Doctor's Visit	75.7%	75.6%	75.0%	75.0%	80.0%

The Program

Department of Health Environmental and Health Services Regulation

Program Operations

The Division of Environmental Health Services Regulation licenses, certifies, and enforces regulations relating to health care professionals and facilities, managed care organizations and health systems development; and protects and promotes the public's health in the areas of drinking water quality, food protection and radiological health. 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. It consists of the following sub-programs: Associate Director, Drinking Water Quality, Food Protection, Health Professionals Regulation, Facilities Regulations, Radiological Health, and Managed Care.

- Office of Associate Director: provides leadership and direction to all other sub-programs
- Drinking Water Quality: assures compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act of public drinking water supplies and oversees public water system infrastructure
- Food Protection: assures the safety and quality of the food supply from harvest to consumer as well as the water quality of the state's public bathing beaches.
- Health Professional Regulations: protects the public from unscrupulous health professionals by ensuring compliance with standards and ethics
- Facilities Regulations: visits on a periodic basis healthcare facilities to assure compliance with both state and federal public laws, rules, and regulations.
- Radiological Health: inspects, on a periodic basis, x-ray equipment and the facilities housing them to prevent, if not eliminate, the hazards of radioactive exposure.
- Managed Care: enforces terms and conditions of state's laws, rules and regulations regarding Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), utilization review agencies, and health plans, including the provisions of the programs of "Certificate of Need" and Change in Effective Control and Initial 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, nursing home quality information and restaurant inspections through the Department's web site
- Protect and promote health and prevent disease by assuring the safety and quality of the food supply from harvest to consumer.
- Protect public health by assuring that public drinking water supplies comply with the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Assure water quality at Rhode Island's public bathing beaches.

Statutory History

Authorization for programs within Environmental and Health Services Regulation is contained in Titles 2, 5, 21, 23, 28, 31, 42 and 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Environmental and Health Services Regulation

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Associate Director	698,583	1,319,185	1,552,998	1,681,086	2,081,689
Drinking Water Quality	2,760,881	2,831,261	3,454,972	3,691,579	3,726,274
Food Protection	2,459,238	2,477,553	2,862,575	2,914,189	2,812,698
Health Professionals Regulation	2,930,824	2,815,791	3,190,567	3,513,295	3,650,608
Facilities Regulations	4,827,862	4,933,726	5,125,857	5,019,448	4,650,289
Radiological Health	59,230	42,139	40,926	192,399	41,154
Managed Care	365,046	326,542	419,132	131,395	129,584
Total Expenditures	\$14,101,664	\$14,746,197	\$16,647,027	\$17,143,391	\$17,092,296
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	11,892,743	13,033,610	14,042,913	14,555,456	14,907,766
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,661,202	1,296,740	1,631,505	1,554,525	1,248,495
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	386,503	333,437	695,850	688,874	606,410
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$13,940,448	\$14,663,787	\$16,370,268	\$16,798,855	\$16,762,671
Capital Purchases and Equipment	161,216	82,410	276,759	344,536	329,625
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$14,101,664	\$14,746,197	\$16,647,027	\$17,143,391	\$17,092,296
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	8,173,534	8,230,716	9,509,529	9,208,798	9,856,814
Federal Funds	3,805,537	4,004,510	3,836,460	4,756,923	3,811,915
Restricted Receipts	2,122,593	2,510,971	3,301,038	3,177,670	3,423,567
Total Expenditures	\$14,101,664	\$14,746,197	\$16,647,027	\$17,143,391	\$17,092,296
Program Measures					
Percent of Population Served by Public Water Systems in Full Compliance	43.2%	42.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%
Number of Food Borne Illness per 100,000 Population	29.0	28.8	28.0	28.0	28.0
Percent of Licenses Reviewed Online	12.0%	49.0%	70.0%	70.0%	90.0%
Percent of Nursing Home Intakes Investigated Within Prioritized Timeframes	96.3%	99.0%	96.0%	96.0%	92.0%

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. For the purposes of consolidating and integrating the aspect of criminal investigation with the collection, review, investigation analysis and reporting of evidence obtained through forensic sciences, the Governor recommends transferring the Forensic Sciences Unit to the Department of Public Safety in FY 2010.

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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Subprogram					
Associate Director	1,634,272	1,665,282	1,823,535	1,897,132	1,611,693
Forensic Sciences	2,039,582	2,225,294	2,111,774	2,362,471	651,778
Environmental Sciences	1,820,067	2,035,030	2,137,015	1,678,668	1,782,954
Biological Sciences	1,877,145	1,546,464	2,260,663	1,773,471	1,858,560
Total Expenditures	\$7,371,066	\$7,472,070	\$8,332,987	\$7,711,742	\$5,904,985
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	5,781,764	6,214,450	6,546,559	6,049,827	4,564,924
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,546,076	1,250,152	1,767,178	1,518,615	1,339,961
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	87	65	100	100	100
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$7,327,927	\$7,464,667	\$8,313,837	\$7,568,542	\$5,904,985
Capital Purchases and Equipment	43,139	7,403	19,150	143,200	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$7,371,066	\$7,472,070	\$8,332,987	\$7,711,742	\$5,904,985
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	6,546,013	6,566,542	7,317,549	6,528,770	5,191,080
Federal Funds	825,053	905,528	1,015,438	1,182,972	713,905
Total Expenditures	\$7,371,066	\$7,472,070	\$8,332,987	\$7,711,742	\$5,904,985
Program Measures					
Percentage of Wastewater Proficiency Test Results Found Acceptable	97.0%	97.1%	97.6%	97.6%	97.8%
Percentage of Human Specimen Test Results Found Acceptable	98.8%	98.2%	99.0%	99.0%	99.2%

The Program

Department of Health Public Health Information

Program Operations

The Public Health Information (PHI) Division responds to the public's need and desire for information to protect and promote their health and to effectively utilize health care services. PHI consists of three units: Center for Health Data and Analysis, Vital Records, and Health Information Technology.

Program Objectives

- The mission of the Center for Health Data and Analysis is to coordinate and oversee all efforts within the department of Health and between the Department and its external partners related to the assurance of health data quality and the provision of health-related data and analysis to inform health policy, monitor health status and health care quality, and support public health initiatives.
- Vital Records is responsible for maintaining the State's vital records system; collecting, analyzing and reporting of data pertaining to births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and other health related statistics; and the issuing of certified copies of vital records.
- Health Information Technology is responsible for developing a state-wide health information exchange (HIE) system. HIE will promote the adoption of electronic medical records, e-prescribing, and developing strategies to use the data to improve the quality and safety of care and for public health purposes.

Statutory History

Authorization for programs within Public Health Information is contained in Title 23, chapters 1, 3, 4, 17 and 77 and more specifically at RIGL 23-1-1, 23-1-5.5, 23-1-9, 23-1-36, 23-3-27, 23-4-14, 23-17.12-12, 23-17.17-5, and 23-77-5.

The Budget

Department of Health Public Health Information

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Center for Health Data and Analysis	679,981	582,665	955,250	906,488	953,454
Vital Records	1,223,617	1,618,589	1,439,075	1,619,505	1,649,749
Health Information Technology	705,611	1,671,191	1,599,147	1,780,220	1,765,220
Total Expenditures	\$2,609,209	\$3,872,445	\$3,993,472	\$4,306,213	\$4,368,423
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	2,361,107	3,424,786	3,590,700	3,826,295	3,907,245
Operating Supplies and Expenses	246,745	446,169	391,952	467,598	448,858
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$2,607,852	\$3,870,955	\$3,982,652	\$4,293,893	\$4,356,103
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,357	1,490	10,820	12,320	12,320
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,609,209	\$3,872,445	\$3,993,472	\$4,306,213	\$4,368,423
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,363,781	1,778,405	1,882,500	1,923,763	2,020,187
Federal Funds	1,177,415	2,094,367	2,110,972	2,382,450	2,348,236
Restricted Receipts	68,053	(377)	-	-	-
Other Funds	(40)	50	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,609,209	\$3,872,445	\$3,993,472	\$4,306,213	\$4,368,423
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health Infectious Disease and Epidemiology

Program Operations

This program is responsible for the major areas of reportable infectious communicable diseases. Program efforts are directed at surveillance and prevention of key diseases, control of disease outbreaks and public and health professional education. This program targets prevention strategies to identified high-risk groups. Diseases of concern include meningitis, Lyme disease, SARS, food borne and waterborne diseases, Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), vector-borne diseases such as rabies, Hantavirus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. This program also operates a Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program, which provides clinical services (including screening, diagnosis and treatment) for un- and under-insured patients through contracts with several providers; monitors the TB epidemic through surveillance activities; performs, medical, nursing, and social case management for active cases and suspect cases; provides outreach and follow-up to active cases and their contacts; provides direct administration of prescribed therapy throughout the entire course of treatment; and provides professional and public education regarding TB. This program also operates the State's primary STD Clinic, which diagnoses and treats STD's and provides contact tracing, outreach and follow-up services. In addition, this program is staffed and equipped to join incident command systems to combat major disease outbreaks.

Program Objectives

- Detect, control, and prevent infectious diseases in Rhode Island
- Monitor and conduct surveillance for the incidence of various reportable diseases
- Collect, analyze and distribute information about infectious diseases in Rhode Island
- Investigate disease outbreaks and respond appropriately to outbreak such as to minimize the impact on the health and economy of Rhode Island
- Report on disease trends and provide education to the public and medical community regarding treatment and prevention strategies for infectious diseases
- Provide leadership for statewide response to acute infectious communicable disease emergencies of unknown origin

Statutory History

Authorization for Infectious Disease and Epidemiology is contained in Title 3 Chapters 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 69.

The Budget

Department of Health Infectious Disease and Epidemiology

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	2,690,596	2,639,099	2,724,988	2,519,395	2,698,103
Operating Supplies and Expenses	782,935	537,359	677,380	882,950	1,049,748
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	726,916	812,772	764,937	801,583	763,937
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,200,447	\$3,989,230	\$4,167,305	\$4,203,928	\$4,511,788
Capital Purchases and Equipment	20,815	18,345	568,684	13,000	13,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,221,262	\$4,007,575	\$4,735,989	\$4,216,928	\$4,524,788
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,322,251	2,135,330	2,377,099	1,902,220	2,324,026
Federal Funds	1,899,011	1,872,245	2,358,890	2,314,708	2,200,762
Restricted Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,221,262	\$4,007,575	\$4,735,989	\$4,216,928	\$4,524,788
Program Measures					
Percentage of Active Tuberculosis Cases Completing Therapy	90.0%	92.6%	94.0%	94.0%	96.0%