

Public Health Services

FUNCTION

The functions of the Public Health Services programs are to protect and promote the health and safety of County residents. This is accomplished by monitoring health status and implementing intervention strategies to contain or prevent disease (including bio-terrorism and emerging diseases), fostering public-private partnerships, which increase access to health services, developing, and implementing programs and strategies to address health needs, providing individual and community level health education, evaluating the effectiveness of select programs and strategies, licensing and inspecting facilities, and institutions affecting the public health and safety.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Health Care for the Uninsured

Health Care for the Uninsured was previously titled Office of Health Partnerships and Health Planning. This program oversees the Montgomery Cares, Care for Kids, and Maternity Partnership programs. Through public-private partnerships, these programs provide health care services for low-income uninsured, children, adults, and pregnant women, using private pediatricians, a network of safety net clinics, obstetricians, and hospitals along with other health care providers. This program also provides care coordination to uninsured children and adolescents with chronic or handicapping conditions needing specialty diagnostic, medical, and surgical treatment. This program oversees primary health care services for the homeless. Health Planning and Epidemiology moved from Health Care for the Uninsured to Service Area Administration.

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY08	Actual FY09	Estimated FY10	Target FY11	Target FY12
Montgomery Cares enrollment ¹	16,773	21,077	23,000	23,000	23,000
Number of pregnant women enrolled in the Maternity Partnership	2,372	2,375	2,136	2,136	2,136
Percentage of children, newly referred to Care for Kids, linked with a provider within 30 days of referral from the County Service Eligibility Units ²	59	34	48	48	48
Percentage of healthy birth weight babies (= or > 2,500 grams) born to pregnant women in the Maternity Partnership Program	94	95	94	94	94

¹ In FY10, funds will be redirected from supporting services to primary care, resulting in a less comprehensive package of services, but maintaining the availability of primary care services.

² A FY09 vacancy and a subsequent FY10 abolishment of a contractual client assistance worker significantly slowed down linkages to providers in FY09.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	11,874,930	15.5
Decrease Cost: Care For Kids Without Service Reduction	-80,000	0.0
Decrease Cost: Absorb Contract for Adult Services Under Montgomery Cares Program	-89,370	0.0
Decrease Cost: Abolish a Full-time Executive Administrative Aide Position	-90,070	-1.0
Decrease Cost: Absorb contract for Primary Care for Uninsured Adults under Montgomery Cares Program	-94,790	0.0
Decrease Cost: Maternity Partnership Program due to Lower Enrollment	-117,750	0.0
Reduce: Montgomery Cares Program Based on Enrollment of 23,000 Patients	-365,500	0.0
Decrease Cost: Reduce Reimbursement Rate from \$62 to \$55 per Encounter for Montgomery Cares Program	-415,800	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	2,235,500	0.5
FY11 CE Recommended	12,857,150	15.0

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 3.0 workyears to Community Health Services, 5.0 workyears to Office of the Chief Operating Officer, and 9.6 workyears here from Women's Health Services.

Communicable Disease and Epidemiology

Communicable Disease and Epidemiology was previously titled Communicable Disease, Epidemiology and Lab Services. This program involves investigations, management, and control of the spread of over 65 infectious diseases as stipulated by Maryland law, including: rabies; hepatitis A, B, and C; salmonellosis; measles; cholera; legionellosis, and lyme disease. Emerging pathogens, such as H1N1 Influenza, are addressed with aggressive surveillance efforts and collaboration with State agencies of Agriculture,

Health, and the Environment. Control measures for disease outbreaks in high-risk populations, such as long-term care facilities are implemented to prevent further spread of diseases to others. Educational programs are provided to groups who serve persons at-risk for infectious diseases (homeless shelters, nursing homes, day care centers, etc.). The program also provides vital record administration (death certificate issuance, and birth verification) Immunizations, outreach, and education are available to residents, private medical providers, schools, childcare providers, and other community groups. The Refugee Health Program shifted from Tuberculosis Services to Communicable Disease and Epidemiology. This program involves screening all persons who enter the County with refugee status for communicable diseases. Refugees are medically assessed and are either treated or referred to the private sector. The Migrant Health Program is also provided in compliance with Federal laws governing migrant laborers.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	1,440,150	12.2
Enhance: Refugee Resettlement (MONA) Grant	125,370	0.0
Decrease Cost: Abolish a Part-time Community Health Nurse II Position	-43,340	-0.5
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	217,880	2.7
FY11 CE Recommended	1,740,060	14.4

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 2.5 workyears from Tuberculosis Services.

Community Health Services

Community Health Services provides preventative health access services to uninsured and underinsured populations, from newborns to the elderly. Services include women's health services in regional sites, and nurse case management of targeted populations such as, pregnant women, children up to two years of age, and care coordination for vulnerable clients in the Medicaid managed-care system. This program area includes the Community/Nursing Home Medical Assistance and Outreach program in addition to the regional service eligibility units, to provide a single point of entry for eligibility screening, access and assignment to Federal, State or County health programs. Other services include immunizations and conducting pregnancy testing in regional health centers. Coordination of Childhood Lead Prevention services shifted from Tuberculosis Services to Community Health Services.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	12,949,300	133.0
Reduce: Abolish a Full-time Manager III Position	-162,070	-1.0
Reduce: Abolish Two Full-time Community Health Nurse II Positions	-186,040	-2.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-1,009,040	-14.3
FY11 CE Recommended	11,592,150	115.7

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 3.0 workyears from Health Care for the Uninsured, a shift of 1.0 workyear to Dental Services, 12.0 workyears to Women's Health Services, and a lapse adjustment.

Dental Services

This program provides dental services to promote oral health. Services include teaching of preventive health practices, primary assessments, targeted dental services, and emergency services. Services are provided to income-eligible Montgomery County children, pregnant women, adults, and seniors. This program provides oral hygiene education to MCPS second grade classes. This program also includes an HIV Dental Program, which provides comprehensive oral health services to HIV-infected clients.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	1,977,080	14.0
Reduce: Dental Services for Approximately 430 Adults/Seniors	-100,000	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	28,040	0.6
FY11 CE Recommended	1,905,120	14.6

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 1.0 workyear from Community Health Services.

Environmental Health Regulatory Services

This program involves issuing permits for and inspection of, a variety of activities in order to protect the public health by ensuring that sanitation standards are met and maintained, and that there is minimal risk of injuries or spread of vector, food, and water borne diseases in facilities licensed by the program. This program also enforces nutritional restrictions on trans fat in foods. Food service establishments, swimming pools, health-care facilities, group homes, private educational facilities for children and adults, hotels, motels, massage establishments, and a variety of other facilities used by the public, are inspected and licensed. Inspections are conducted for compliance with health and safety standards established by the County and by State of Maryland laws and regulations. The County's Rat Control Ordinance and smoking prohibitions and restrictions are enforced under this program. Complaints made by the public are investigated and orders for correction are issued as appropriate.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	3,104,050	29.7
Decrease Cost: West Nile Virus Surveillance	-30,000	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-93,950	-1.5
FY11 CE Recommended	2,980,100	28.2

Health Care and Group Residential Facilities

This program inspects and licenses nursing homes, domiciliary care homes (large assisted living facilities with less intensive care than nursing homes), adult day care centers, small assisted living facilities and group homes serving children, elderly, mentally ill, and developmentally disabled to ensure compliance with County, State, and Federal laws and regulations. Staff respond to complaints and provide advice and consultations to licensees to maintain high standards of care.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	1,350,600	10.7
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-5,450	-0.5
FY11 CE Recommended	1,345,150	10.2

Health Promotion and Prevention

This program provides a combination of planning training, consultation, coalition building, and health information to community groups to help change attitudes and behaviors related to nutrition, physical activity, and strategies to help prevent obesity, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. The program also administers injury prevention programs for various target groups and provides shaken baby and other family violence prevention and parenting programs for high-risk parents and providers. The program provides a health information and outreach program targeting faith-based communities to help reduce health disparities. Coordination of the Fetal Infant Mortality Board has shifted from Health Promotion and Prevention to Women's Health Services. Substance Abuse Prevention services has shifted from Health Promotion and Prevention to Juvenile Justice Services in the Children Youth and Families Service Area.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	1,265,340	5.7
Enhance: Childhood Injury Prevention Grant	500	0.0
Eliminate: Nutrition Risk Reduction Grant	-45,130	0.0
Decrease Cost: Abolish a Full-time Principal Administrative Aide position	-66,130	-1.0
Decrease Cost: Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	-91,600	0.0
Eliminate: G.O.S.P.E.L. Program and Absorb the Functions Under the African American Health Program	-125,050	-1.0
Reduce: Abolish a Full-time Manager III Position to 0.2 WY	-127,930	-0.8
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-623,920	-1.0
FY11 CE Recommended	186,080	1.9

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of the Substance Abuse and Education Program to Juvenile Justice Services including one workyear and operating expenses.

Cancer and Tobacco Prevention

Cancer and Tobacco Prevention was previously titled Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs. Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program and the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening and Treatment Program are two major programs funded through the State Cigarette Restitution Funds. The State funding allows for administering grants to community groups for outreach, screenings, education, and treatment. Each program has established coalitions consisting of public health partners, community based organizations, hospitals, and other existing resources that work collaboratively to implement the statewide goal of early detection and elimination of cancer disparities, whether based on race, ethnicity, age or sex, as well as the establishment of tobacco-control programs.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	1,288,590	4.0
Decrease Cost: Miscellaneous Operating Expenses in Cancer Restitution Funds Under Cancer and Tobacco Prevention Program	-10,000	0.0
Reduce: Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) - Tobacco, Prevention, and Education	-70,760	-1.0
Reduce: Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) - Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment	-209,070	-0.5

	Expenditures	WYs
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-16,920	0.5
FY11 CE Recommended	981,840	3.0

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 0.5 workyear from Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment Grant to Tobacco, Prevention, and Education Grant.

STD/HIV Prevention and Treatment Program

The STD Program provides diagnosis and treatment to those who have contracted sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Contacts of infected patients are confidentially notified and referred for treatment. HIV counseling and testing is provided, with referral for medical and psychosocial support services if the test is positive. The HIV program provides primary medical care through all stages of HIV/AIDS, medication, as well as a broad spectrum of case management support services. Other services include home/hospice care, coordination of a regional HIV dental clinic, and housing services through the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA).

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY08	Actual FY09	Estimated FY10	Target FY11	Target FY12
New cases of Chlamydia per 100,000 population among County residents (15-24) ¹	930	1,052	1,115	NA	NA

¹ Data is for the calendar year in which the fiscal year began. This measure is one of the four age cohort components. Projections are not made due to uncertainty as to when case numbers will fall.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	6,257,120	43.1
Enhance: Ryan White I - Emergency AIDS Services Grant	456,600	0.0
Enhance: Ryan White II - Consortia Services	121,990	0.0
Enhance: HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS Grant	73,080	0.0
Add: HIV Minority Outreach Activities	69,840	0.0
Decrease Cost: Abolish a Full-time Principal Administrative Aide Position	-46,990	-1.0
Eliminate: AIDS Diagnostic and Evaluation Grant	-153,510	-1.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-72,720	-0.3
FY11 CE Recommended	6,705,410	40.8

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 1.0 workyear from AIDS Diagnostic and Evaluation Grant to Ryan White I - Emergency AIDS Services Grant.

School Health Services

This program provides health services to the students in Montgomery County Public Schools. These services include: first aid and emergency care; health appraisal; medication and treatment administration; health counseling, consultation and education; referral for medical, psychological and behavioral problems; case management for students with acute and chronic health conditions, and pregnant and parenting teens. Hearing and vision, screenings are provided to students in 1st and 8th grade, new entrants, and by teacher referral. Immunizations and tuberculosis screenings are administered at the School Health Services Centers, primarily to international students enrolling in MCPS. Primary health care, provided by nurse practitioners and physicians, is provided, in addition to routine health services to students enrolled at the County's four School Based Health Centers and one High School Wellness Center.

Head Start-Health Services is a collaborative effort of HHS, Office of Community Affairs, School Health Services, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), and contracted community-based child care centers to provide comprehensive pre-kindergarten services to Federally eligible three and four year old children. School Health Services provides a full range of health, dental, and social services to the children and their families.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	21,255,590	240.1
Add: Opening Up W.I.D.E (Wellness Initiative and Dental Enhancement)	89,640	0.0
Increase Cost: School Based Health and Linkages to Learning Centers - Operating Budget Impact (CIP)	15,000	0.0
Decrease Cost: School Based Health Center	-15,220	0.0
Decrease Cost: School Based Health Centers Contractual Medical Services Based on Historical Spending	-20,000	0.0
Reduce: Abolish a Full-time and a Part-time Community Health Nurse II Positions	-176,930	-1.6
Reduce: School Health Room Aide I and II Positions from .73 Workyear to .62 Workyear	-1,541,340	-22.2
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-409,340	-9.4
FY11 CE Recommended	19,197,400	206.9

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the annualization of a Community Health Nurse, and a lapse adjustment.

Tuberculosis Services

This program involves testing persons for exposure to Tuberculosis (TB), treating active cases, identifying persons at risk of developing TB, performing contact studies to determine who may have been exposed to an infectious person, and the supervision of therapy. Each patient is diagnosed, has a treatment plan developed, and has supervised medication therapy. Special programs are provided to high-risk populations, such as the homeless, addicted persons, incarcerated persons, and persons living in high-density areas of foreign-born populations. The Refugee Health Program has shifted from Tuberculosis Services to Communicable Disease & Epidemiology, and coordination of Childhood Lead Prevention services has shifted from Tuberculosis Services to Community Health Services.

The Refugee Health Program, organizationally placed in TB control, involves screening all persons who enter the County with refugee status for communicable diseases. Refugees are medically assessed and are either treated or referred to the private sector. The Migrant Health Program is also provided in compliance with Federal laws governing migrant laborers.

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY08	Actual FY09	Estimated FY10	Target FY11	Target FY12
Percentage of clients with active infectious tuberculosis who receive Directly Observed Therapy and successfully complete the treatment regimen ¹	99	99	95	95	95

¹ Tuberculosis data are for the calendar year in which the fiscal year began and differs from previously-published results due to use of a more accurate number in the denominator.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	2,145,970	19.8
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-320,210	-2.9
FY11 CE Recommended	1,825,760	16.9

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 2.5 workyears to Communicable Disease and Epidemiology.

Women's Health Services

This program provides services for women, including clinical prenatal health care and family planning services through public/private partnerships. Referral services are provided for individuals with specific health issues (i.e., sexually transmitted diseases). Screening for early detection of breast cancer and cervical cancer including gynecological examinations, clinical breast examinations, mammograms, ultrasounds of the breast and related case-management services are offered through the Women's Cancer Control Program (WCCP) to eligible women aged forty years and older. Nursing case-management services are provided for pregnant women, high-risk infants, and children birth to two years. Coordination of the Fetal Infant Mortality Board has shifted from Health Promotion and Prevention to Women's Health Services.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	4,236,080	16.2
Enhance: Center for Disease Control (CDC) Early Detection and Control Grant - Breast and Cervical Cancer	120,000	0.0
Reduce: Improved Pregnancy Outcome Grant	-20,000	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-1,524,820	4.2
FY11 CE Recommended	2,811,260	20.4

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include the shift of Project Deliver and Maternity Partnership Programs to Health Care for the Uninsured (9.6 workyears). In addition, the Dedicated Administrative Care Coordination Team (5.0 workyears) and grants shifted from Community Health Services (7.0 workyears) and Health Care for the Uninsured (1.3 workyears) as well as a lapse adjustment.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

This program is responsible for the planning and readiness to identify a bio-terrorism threat and to respond immediately if a disaster occurs. Planning efforts are in collaboration with the County Emergency Management Group, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Departments of Fire and Rescue Service, and Police, the Volunteer Center, hospitals and a variety of other County, State, Regional, and Federal agencies. Efforts are targeted at training and staff development; communication strategies; emergency response drills; partnerships; resources and equipment; the establishment of disease surveillance systems; mass immunization/ medication dispensing sites, and readiness.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	2,050,210	11.2

	Expenditures	WYs
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-3,210	-0.2
FY11 CE Recommended	2,047,000	11.0

Service Area Administration

This program area provides leadership and direction for the administration of Public Health Services. Service Area administration also includes Health Planning and Epidemiology (previously included in the former Office of Health Partnerships and Health Planning), the Community Health Improvement Process and Special Projects, as well as oversight for medical quality assurance, contract, grant and partnership development.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	1,293,490	6.6
Miscellaneous adjustments, including furloughs, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	125,530	3.7
FY11 CE Recommended	1,419,020	10.3

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustment includes the shift of 0.5 workyear from Environmental Health Regulatory Services, and 5.0 workyears from Health Care for the Uninsured.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Name	FY10 Approved		FY11 Recommended	
	Expenditures	WYs	Expenditures	WYs
Health Care for the Uninsured	11,874,930	15.5	12,857,150	15.0
Communicable Disease and Epidemiology	1,440,150	12.2	1,740,060	14.4
Community Health Services	12,949,300	133.0	11,592,150	115.7
Dental Services	1,977,080	14.0	1,905,120	14.6
Environmental Health Regulatory Services	3,104,050	29.7	2,980,100	28.2
Health Care and Group Residential Facilities	1,350,600	10.7	1,345,150	10.2
Health Promotion and Prevention	1,265,340	5.7	186,080	1.9
Cancer and Tobacco Prevention	1,288,590	4.0	981,840	3.0
STD/HIV Prevention and Treatment Program	6,257,120	43.1	6,705,410	40.8
School Health Services	21,255,590	240.1	19,197,400	206.9
Tuberculosis Services	2,145,970	19.8	1,825,760	16.9
Women's Health Services	4,236,080	16.2	2,811,260	20.4
Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response	2,050,210	11.2	2,047,000	11.0
Service Area Administration	1,293,490	6.6	1,419,020	10.3
Total	72,488,500	561.8	67,593,500	509.3