

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Chronic Conditions

Purpose and History

The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH) Chronic Conditions appropriation provides funding for programs and services to individuals identified as having chronic conditions or special health care needs. Although there is no absolute definition for a chronic disease, criteria generally include functional limitations, the need for ongoing medical care, and a prolonged course of illness that lasts months, years, or is incurable. Children under the age of one with a condition since birth are also generally included.

- [Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders \(CCID\)](#): Established in 1976 in Iowa Code chapter [136A](#), the mission of the CCID is to initiate, conduct, and supervise genetic investigations and research to provide for the protection and promotion of the health of Iowans. There are seven main programs within the CCID that include: the [Regional Genetic Consultation Service \(RGCS\)](#), the [Iowa Newborn Screening Program \(INSP\)](#), the [Iowa Maternal Prenatal Screening Program \(IMPSP\)](#), the [Iowa Registry for Congenital and Inherited Disorders](#), the [Neuromuscular and Related Genetic Disorders Program \(NMP\)](#), the [Stillbirth Surveillance Project and Prevention Programs](#), and the [Family Health History Initiative](#). The CCID operates on a combination of State General Funds, fees, federal funds, and other funds.
- [Inherited Metabolic Disorders Assistance Program](#): Part of the CCID, this Program assists with the costs of necessary special foods and supplements for individual patients with Phenylketonuria (PKU) or other inherited metabolic disorders. Funds are provided to individuals only after they have shown that all benefits from third-party payors and other government assistance programs have been exhausted.
- [Neuromuscular and Related Genetic Disease Program](#): Also part of the CCID, this Program provides comprehensive health services for individuals and families with a variety of neuromuscular and related disorders including Duchenne muscular dystrophy, Becker muscular dystrophy, limb-girdle muscular dystrophy, congenital muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy, myasthenia gravis, charcot-marie-tooth, and Friedreich's ataxia. Additionally, the Program gives educational presentations for families, health care providers, educators, and others throughout Iowa.
- [Child Health Specialty Clinics \(CHSC\)](#): The Program is operated by the [University of Iowa, Department of Pediatrics](#), and facilitates the development of family-centered, community-based, coordinated systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs. The CHSC is funded partially by the federal [Title V, Maternal and Child Health Block Grant](#), in addition to funding provided by the state of Iowa (through the Department of Public Health, the Department of Education, and the Department of Human Services), and other community partners. The CHSC serves children and youth, birth through 21 years of age, who live in Iowa and have a chronic condition (physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional) or are at increased risk for a chronic condition and also have a need for special services.
- [Regional Autism Assistance Program \(RAP\)](#): This is a specialty Program in the CHSC initiative that works to coordinate educational, medical, and other services and supports for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their families, and providers. The RAP teams provide regional screenings for toddlers and youth and coordinate referrals for assessment and diagnostic services. In addition, the RAP coordinates in-service training, provides technical assistance, provides consultation, and provides information and referral.
- [AIDS Drug Assistance Program \(ADAP\)](#): Operated in the [Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis](#), the Program provides free medications for the treatment of HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured persons with HIV infection. The drugs provided through the ADAP can help people with HIV/AIDS live longer and treat the symptoms of HIV infection.

More Information

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- Brain Injury Services Program and Advisory Council on Brain Injuries: The Brain Injury Program in Iowa Code section [135.22B](#) works to improve the lives of Iowans living with brain injuries and their families by linking people with services, promoting safety to prevent brain injuries, and training providers to best work with individuals who have sustained a brain injury. Most of this work is achieved through a contract with the [Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa](#). In 2013, there were 16,000 emergency department visits in Iowa resulting in the diagnosis of a traumatic brain injury, resulting in 1,700 hospitalizations and more than 500 deaths. The [Advisory Council's](#) mission is to represent individuals with brain injuries, their families, and all Iowans through advocacy, education, training, rehabilitation, research, and prevention.
- Epilepsy Educational and Support: Funding provides for education, client-centered programs, and client and family support for people living with epilepsy and their families. This program is delivered through an outside contract with the [Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central Illinois, Iowa, & Nebraska](#). The allocation language for this Program requires a 1:1 match for all state funds provided in excess of \$100,000.
- [Iowa Comprehensive Cancer Control \(ICCC\) Program](#) and Melanoma Research: Coupled with a federal [Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant](#) from the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the Program seeks to implement the state [Cancer Control Plan](#). There is an allocation of funds for enhancing capacity of cervical and colorectal cancer education and screenings. Funds are also provided to the [Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center](#) at the UIHC for activities related to melanoma, including a research symposium, biorepository and registry, basic and translational research, and clinical trials.
- [Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program](#): Established in Iowa Code chapter [135M](#), Iowans with income at 200.0% or below of the Federal Poverty Level, uninsured, or underinsured, may receive medications and medical supplies for little or no cost. Donations are received from long-term care dispensing pharmacies, medical facilities, and individuals. The medications and supplies are inspected by a pharmacist, distributed to medical facilities, and dispensed to Iowans in need. Any organization or individual in the country can donate medications in their original sealed container or in tamper-evident packaging. Any pharmacy or medical facility with authorization to dispense per Iowa administrative rules may re-dispense donated medications and supplies.
- [Office of Health Care Transformation \(OHCT\)](#): This Office serves as a key point-of-contact for initiatives at IDPH related to the Affordable Care Act, including Health Benefit Exchange, Accountable Care Organizations, Patient Centered Medical Home/Health Homes, prevention and chronic care management initiatives, community utility, and care coordination. The OHCT monitors federal health care issues and disseminates the key information, opportunities, and impacts. The OHCT presents to and offers technical assistance to a variety of stakeholders, including local public health agencies and other community organizations.
- [Medical Cannabidiol Act Administration](#): Provides funding for the administration and program management of the Medical Cannabidiol Act (Iowa Code chapter [124D](#)).

Funding—State General Fund

The Chronic Conditions General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. Chronic Conditions received a General Fund appropriation of \$5.0 million in FY 2016 and \$5.1 million in FY 2017. Prior to FY 2011, appropriations to the IDPH Chronic Conditions Programs were also provided from the Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Fund and the Health Care Trust Fund.

Funding—Other Sources of Revenue

Depending on the program, there are additional federal funds, other funds, and fees that play a part in the operation of these programs. Generally, if these are programs operated by the IDPH, the funds are tracked separately in the IDPH Gifts & Grants Fund.

Also tracked in this budget unit are the pass-through fees for [Special License Plates](#) for [Breast Cancer Awareness](#). These fees are transferred from the [Department of Transportation](#) to the IDPH, and then transferred to [Susan G. Komen Iowa](#).

Related Code and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [124D](#), [135](#), [135M](#), [136A](#), and [141A](#)

Iowa Code sections [135.22A](#) and [135.22B](#)

[641](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapters [4](#), [11](#), [55](#), [56](#), [109](#), and [154](#)

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