
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Chronic Conditions

Purpose and History

The Department of Public Health (DPH) 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.

The following programs and services are funded through the appropriation:

- [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, which 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 (INMP), the Iowa Early Hearing Detection and Intervention, 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. Funding for this Program was eliminated for FY 2018 but resumed in FY 2019.
- [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. Additionally, the Program gives educational presentations for families, health care providers, educators, and others throughout Iowa.
- [Child Health Specialty Clinics](#) (CHSC): This 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 DPH, the Department of Education, and the Department of Human Services) and other community partners. The CHSC serves children and youth from 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.

More Information

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- [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 and provides technical assistance, consultation, information, and referral. Funding for this Program was eliminated for FY 2018 but funding resumed in FY 2019.
- [Brain Injury Services Program and Advisory Council on Brain Injuries](#): The Brain Injury Services Program established 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 2014, there were 17,000 emergency department visits in Iowa resulting in the diagnosis of a traumatic brain injury, including 1,600 hospitalizations and more than 600 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 Education 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, and Nebraska. The allocation language for this Program requires a one-to-one match for all State funds provided in excess of \$100,000. Funding for this Program was eliminated for FY 2018 but funding resumed in FY 2019.
- [Iowa Comprehensive Cancer Control \(ICCC\) Program and Melanoma Research](#): Coupled with a federal Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this Program seeks to implement the State Cancer Control Plan. There is an allocation of funds for enhancing the capacity of cervical and colorectal cancer education and screenings. Funds are also provided to the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for activities related to melanoma, including a research symposium, biorepository and registry, basic and translational research, and clinical trials. Funding for melanoma research was eliminated for FY 2018 but funding resumed in FY 2019.
- [Office of Health Care Transformation \(OHCT\)](#): This Office serves as a key point of contact for initiatives at DPH related to the federal Affordable Care Act, including the Health Insurance Marketplace, 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 key information relating to 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.
- [Office of Medical Cannabidiol](#): This appropriation also provides funding for the administration and program management of the Medical Cannabidiol Act (Iowa Code chapter [124E](#)).

Funding — State General Fund

The Chronic Conditions General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. Prior to FY 2011, appropriations to the DPH 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 programs are operated by the DPH, the funds are tracked separately in the DPH 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 DPH, and then transferred to [Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa](#).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

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

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

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

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