
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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General Administration — Human Services

History and Purpose

The General Administration appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides funding for the administrative support and management staff. The General Administration team is responsible for the oversight of the budget and program compliance and integrity for all State and federally funded programs administered by the Department.

In addition to the Director's Office, the General Administration appropriation includes the staff of the following divisions:

- Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
- Mental Health and Disability Services
- Adult, Children, and Family Services
- Field Operations
- Child Support Recovery Unit
- Data Management
- Fiscal Management
- Policy Coordination

The primary responsibilities for staff include the design or update of programs and service requirements to comply with State and federal law; implementation of services through HHS staff in the field, nine State facilities, or service providers; and oversight of the budgets for multiple federal and State programs and appropriations. The current staff provides leadership, management, and support for the delivery of human services to more than one million individuals.

Following the enactment of 2023 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act), the responsibilities of the Child Advocacy Board (ICAB), previously a part of the Department of Inspections and Appeals, became a function of the HHS under the General Administration appropriation. The Board is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for two volunteer child advocacy programs: the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program and the Iowa Citizen Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) Program. Citizen volunteers for these two programs work with abused and neglected children. The ICAB annually reports on issues affecting children in the Iowa child welfare system and offers recommendations for improvements.

State General Fund

An annual appropriation for General Administration is provided in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act.

Federal Funds

Federal funds are received through a number of sources, including the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) matching rate, Title IV-B, Social Services Block Grant, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [217](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [441](#)

More Information

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