
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Infectious Diseases

Purpose and History

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Infectious Diseases appropriation provides funding for activities and programs to reduce the incidence and prevalence of communicable diseases. The majority of these functions are handled in the [Division of Acute Disease Prevention, Emergency Response, and Environmental Health](#) by the following program bureaus:

- [Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology](#) (CADE): Works to protect and preserve the health and safety of Iowans from infectious diseases through disease surveillance; investigation of acute outbreaks; and provision of education and consultation on infectious diseases to health care workers, public health partners, and members of the general public. The CADE guides local health agencies on diseases requiring public health intervention, collaborates with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through weekly reporting on more than 45 nationally reportable diseases, and offers health education opportunities through lectures and public outreach.
- [Bureau of Immunization and Tuberculosis](#): Consists of the [Immunization Program](#) and the [Tuberculosis \(TB\) Control Program](#). The goal of the Immunization Program is to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases in Iowa by working with public and private health care providers. Iowa Code section [139A.8\(6\)](#) and [641 IAC 7](#) outline the immunization requirement for students attending licensed child care centers and elementary or secondary schools. The goal of the TB Control Program is to eliminate TB disease in Iowa. The TB Control Program collaborates with clinicians and local public health agencies to minimize the spread of TB in Iowa by promoting effective diagnosis and treatment for persons afflicted with TB infection or disease.
- [TB Treatment and Prescription Services](#): Provides free prescription services to Iowans with a TB infection or disease to stop the spread of the disease. Each year, this Program provides medication to treat more than 1,200 Iowans for TB infection and disease. The Program also utilizes the Iowa Prescription Drug Donation Program to obtain medication.

The following programs within the [Division of Behavioral Health, Bureau of HIV, STI, and Hepatitis](#) are also funded by this appropriation:

- [Hepatitis Program](#): Provides education, prevention, and treatment services for viral hepatitis. "Hepatitis" means inflammation of the liver and refers to a group of viral infections that affect the liver. The most common types are Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C. Of these, Hepatitis B and C can cause chronic disease. The Hepatitis Program contracts with 10 local public health and community-based organizations to offer Hepatitis C testing and Hepatitis A and B immunizations to persons at risk. Beginning in 2016, testing for Hepatitis B and C has been offered to those at risk at all 65 clinics in the Community-Based Screening Services Program.
- [Sexually Transmitted Infections \(STI\) Program](#): Maintains a Community-Based Screening Services Program with 58 public clinics across Iowa, targeting persons most at risk for adverse outcomes of undetected infection. Chlamydia and gonorrhea, respectively, represent the first and second most

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commonly reported STIs in Iowa and the U.S. In both the public and private sectors, the STI Program offers technical assistance for sexual health program development, promotes clinician/patient dialogue about STI prevention, and ensures proper testing and treatment of exposed partners. Funding from the State General Fund is used to obtain a 75.0% match to fund this Program from the federal Title V [Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant](#).

Funding

The Infectious Diseases General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act.

Funding — Other Sources of Revenue

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 HHS, the funds are tracked separately in the [Gifts and Grants Fund](#).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [135](#), [136A](#), [139A](#), [141A](#), and [144](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [641—1](#), [641—2](#), and [641—7](#)

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