

**House File 898 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to public health and health care, creating an  
2 opioid use research, education, prevention, and treatment  
3 fund, and making appropriations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Section 1. PUBLIC HEALTH — STRUCTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
SUPPORT — APPROPRIATIONS.

1. There is appropriated from the moneys received by the state pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, to the university of Iowa college of public health for the following fiscal years, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

a. To undertake a comprehensive longitudinal study, in collaboration with the university of Iowa Carver college of medicine, to identify the incidence and prevalence of the chronic symptoms and disabilities attributable to COVID-19 on Iowans who contracted the virus:

FY 2021-2022:  
..... \$ 750,000

b. To coordinate increased, systematic efforts with Iowa's local public health authorities to address the chronic health conditions, maladaptive personal behaviors, and societal conditions, including but not limited to obesity, diabetes, heart disease, smoking, and social disparities, that are identified as risk factors for poorer outcomes associated with infectious disease:

FY 2021-2022:  
..... \$ 1,000,000

FY 2022-2023:  
..... \$ 1,000,000

Funding under this paragraph "b" may be utilized by the college of public health, subject to securing local matching funds, to provide grants to county boards of health to implement evidence-based community programming, policies, and collaborative projects with health care providers to reduce such risk factors. The college of public health shall provide technical assistance to grantees and grants shall include an

1 evaluation component.

2 c. To support the development and provide ongoing  
3 facilitation of a state association of local boards of health:

4	FY 2021-2022:	
5	.....	\$ 100,000
6	FY 2022-2023:	
7	.....	\$ 100,000

8 d. To provide paid internships for students of the college  
9 of public health with local health departments through which  
10 an intern supports the local public health infrastructure,  
11 conducts community health needs assessments, and assists in the  
12 successful implementation of health improvement plans:

13	FY 2021-2022:	
14	.....	\$ 200,000
15	FY 2022-2023:	
16	.....	\$ 200,000

17 The funding provided under this paragraph "d" may be subject  
18 to securing local matching funds.

19 e. To conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the  
20 existing public health structure and infrastructure in the  
21 state, with policy and funding recommendations, to improve the  
22 capacity of the state and local communities to effectively  
23 respond to public health threats including chronic and  
24 infectious diseases:

25	FY 2021-2022:	
26	.....	\$ 250,000

27 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under  
28 this section that remain unobligated or unexpended at the close  
29 of a fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available  
30 for the purposes designated. However, the moneys appropriated  
31 under this section shall be expended for the purposes  
32 designated on or before December 31, 2024, as provided in the  
33 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2.

34 Sec. 2. ORAL HEALTH SERVICES — APPROPRIATIONS. There is  
35 appropriated from the moneys received by the state pursuant

1 to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No.  
2 117-2, to the department of human services for the following  
3 fiscal years, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is  
4 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

5 1. To fund increased reimbursement of providers of  
6 specialized oral health services to Medicaid members referred  
7 for services by community health centers, and for reimbursement  
8 of dentists for the provision of services or referral to  
9 medically necessary care to Medicaid members if the dentist was  
10 a Medicaid participating provider prior to July 1, 2021:

11 FY 2021-2022:  
12 ..... \$ 25,000,000  
13 FY 2022-2023:  
14 ..... \$ 25,000,000

15 2. a. To partner with the healthiest state initiative of  
16 the department of public health to establish a food as medicine  
17 pilot project using double up food bucks to be distributed to  
18 Medicaid members through oral health providers:

19 FY 2021-2022:  
20 ..... \$ 1,000,000  
21 FY 2022-2023:  
22 ..... \$ 1,000,000

23 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under  
24 this subsection that remain unobligated or unexpended at the  
25 close of a fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
26 available for the purposes designated. However, the moneys  
27 appropriated under this subsection shall be expended for the  
28 purposes designated on or before December 31, 2024, as provided  
29 in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No.  
30 117-2.

31 Sec. 3. PUBLIC HEALTH DATA AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS —  
32 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the moneys received  
33 by the state pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act  
34 of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, to the department of public health  
35 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,

1 2022, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
2 for the purposes designated:

3 For information technology infrastructure upgrades,  
4 improvements, or replacements to provide for accurate and  
5 timely collection and reporting of data and information related  
6 to infectious diseases and infectious disease outbreaks in the  
7 state and other critical public health data and information  
8 related to the population health priorities and goals of the  
9 state board of health and county boards of health:

10 ..... \$ 19,000,000

11 Of the funds appropriated under this section, up to fifty  
12 percent may be used to ensure the capacity of county boards of  
13 health to interact and work with the information technology  
14 systems. Any system improvement shall ensure ease of public  
15 access to data or information not otherwise required by law to  
16 be kept confidential.

17 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under this  
18 section that remain unobligated or unexpended at the close of  
19 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available  
20 for the purposes designated. However, the moneys appropriated  
21 under this section shall be expended for the purposes  
22 designated on or before December 31, 2024, as provided in the  
23 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2.

24 DIVISION II

25 SUBSTANCE USE — RESEARCH, EDUCATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT

26 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 135.193 Opioid use research,  
27 education, prevention, and treatment fund.

28 1. An opioid use research, education, prevention, and  
29 treatment fund is created in the state treasury under the  
30 control of the department. The fund is established to  
31 expand treatment for, and access to, treatment for opioid  
32 use disorders and to assist opioid drug use prevention and  
33 treatment programs in the state including but not limited to  
34 medication-assisted treatment programs that provide appropriate  
35 holistic services and treatment programs licensed by the

1 department, in accordance with programs sponsored by community  
2 organizations, programs that provide emergency responders  
3 with affordable access to opioid antagonists, and programs  
4 that assist in paying treatment costs for individuals who  
5 are ineligible for Medicaid services or private insurance  
6 coverage. The fund shall also provide support for the  
7 expansion of substance use and pain management curricula at the  
8 university of Iowa college of medicine, evidence-based public  
9 health research on nonnarcotic pain treatment and management  
10 alternatives, and mental health and substance use education  
11 and training for emergency medical care providers as defined  
12 in section 147A.1.

13 2. Distribution of moneys from the opioid use research,  
14 education, prevention, and treatment fund shall be made to  
15 eligible applicants in the following order of priority:

16 a. A public entity, including but not limited to a state,  
17 county, or local community health clinic or federally qualified  
18 health center, or a public health agency, as defined in section  
19 135D.2, that provides opioid use disorder treatment.

20 b. A nonpublic entity that, in addition to opioid use  
21 disorder treatment services, provides required primary health  
22 services as described in 42 U.S.C. §254b(b)(1)(A).

23 c. A nonpublic entity that provides opioid use disorder  
24 treatment but does not provide required primary health services  
25 as described in 42 U.S.C. §254b(b)(1)(A).

26 3. The fund shall consist of all moneys deposited in  
27 the fund and any other moneys available to, or obtained or  
28 accepted by, the department for placement in the fund. Moneys  
29 in the fund are not subject to section 8.33. However, any  
30 moneys received by the state pursuant to the federal American  
31 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 and deposited in  
32 the fund shall be expended for the purposes designated in the  
33 appropriation of the moneys from the fund on or before December  
34 31, 2024, as provided in the federal Act. Notwithstanding  
35 section 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall

1 be credited to the fund.

2 Sec. 5. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND OPIOID USE RESEARCH,  
3 EDUCATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT — APPROPRIATIONS. Of the  
4 moneys received by the state pursuant to the federal American  
5 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, \$10,000,000 shall  
6 be deposited in the opioid use research, education, prevention,  
7 and treatment fund created in this division of this Act, and  
8 is appropriated to the following entities for the fiscal year  
9 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, for the  
10 purposes designated:

11 1. To the department of public health:

12 a. To provide for training, equipment, and initial  
13 operation in twelve county jails throughout the state  
14 of appropriate evidence-based treatment of incarcerated  
15 individuals diagnosed with substance use disorders, in  
16 accordance with rules adopted by the department:

17 ..... \$ 2,500,000

18 b. To contract with the Iowa health care collaborative to  
19 develop and pilot protocols for the treatment of emergency  
20 room patients experiencing opioid or heroin overdoses, only  
21 to the extent funding is matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis  
22 from private or public sources secured by the Iowa health care  
23 collaborative:

24 ..... \$ 100,000

25 c. For the psychiatric residency programs involved  
26 with coordinated, collaborative care at newly established,  
27 community-based behavioral health treatment facilities offering  
28 residential substance use disorder treatment for twenty-nine  
29 days or more:

30 ..... \$ 1,000,000

31 d. To pilot the establishment and operation of three  
32 community-based syringe service programs developed to provide  
33 substance use prevention and response including linkages  
34 to substance use disorder treatment; vaccination, testing,  
35 and access to care for infectious diseases; and access to,

1 education regarding the safe utilization of, and proper  
2 disposal of sterile syringes and injection equipment:  
3 ..... \$ 450,000

4 The pilot program supported with the funding appropriated  
5 under this paragraph is conditioned on the implementation  
6 of written agreements with local law enforcement agencies  
7 and county attorneys to refrain from charging or prosecuting  
8 program sponsors or participants for violations of section  
9 124.414.

10 2. To the state board of regents:

11 a. To fund research on medication-assisted treatment for  
12 substance use disorders conducted at the university of Iowa  
13 college of public health to identify variability in outcomes,  
14 demonstrate efficacy of treatment, and refine evidence-based  
15 protocols:  
16 ..... \$ 500,000

17 b. To fund research and education conducted at the  
18 university of Iowa Carver college of medicine for the  
19 nonnarcotic treatment of pain:  
20 ..... \$ 1,000,000

21 3. To the governor's office of drug control policy to  
22 establish and direct a task force, in collaboration with the  
23 department of public health, department of human services, and  
24 department of public safety, to make recommendations, based on  
25 public health principles, to restructure the response of the  
26 state's health and justice systems to illicit drug use and to  
27 individuals suffering from substance use disorders:  
28 ..... \$ 500,000

29 The governor's office of drug control policy shall submit a  
30 report of the recommendations specified in this subsection to  
31 the governor and the general assembly by November 1, 2022.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill relates to public health and health care.



1 Division I of the bill makes appropriations of moneys  
2 received by the state pursuant to the federal American Rescue  
3 Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, to the university of Iowa  
4 college of public health, the department of human services, and  
5 the department of public health for purposes related to public  
6 health structure and infrastructure, for oral health services  
7 provided to Medicaid members, and for public health information  
8 and data systems.

9 Division II of the bill creates an opioid use research,  
10 education, prevention, and treatment fund (fund) in the state  
11 treasury under the control of the department of public health  
12 to expand treatment for, and access to, treatment for opioid  
13 use disorders and to assist opioid drug use prevention and  
14 treatment programs, and to provide support for the expansion of  
15 substance use and pain management curricula at the university  
16 of Iowa Carver college of medicine, evidence-based public  
17 health research on nonnarcotic pain treatment and management  
18 alternatives, and mental health and substance use education and  
19 training for emergency care providers. Distribution of the  
20 moneys in the fund is prioritized.

21 The division provides that a specified amount of the moneys  
22 received by the state pursuant to the federal American Rescue  
23 Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, shall be deposited in the  
24 fund, and is appropriated to the department of public health,  
25 the state board of regents, and the governor's office of drug  
26 control policy for FY 2021-2022 for the purposes designated in  
27 the division.