

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Infectious Diseases

Purpose and History

The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) (DPH) 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 and Emergency Response](#) by the following program bureaus:

- [The 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 provides guidance to local health agencies on diseases requiring public health intervention, collaborates with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) by weekly reporting of [over 50 nationally reportable diseases](#), and offers health education opportunities through lectures and public outreach.
- [Bureau of Immunization and Tuberculosis](#): The Bureau of Immunization and Tuberculosis consists of the Immunization Program and 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 sections [139A.8\(6\)](#) and [641 IAC 7.7](#) outline the immunization requirement for students attending licensed child care centers and elementary or secondary schools. Also in this Bureau is the [Tuberculosis \(TB\) Control Program](#), intended 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.
- Prescription Services Program: Provides free prescription services to Iowans with a sexually transmitted disease (STD) or a TB infection or disease to stop the spread of the disease. Each year, this Program provides medication to treat more than 20,000 Iowans for STDs and TB infection and disease. The Program also utilizes the Iowa Prescription Drug Donation Program to obtain medication. Also funded in this appropriation are programs within the [Division of Behavioral Health, Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis](#):
 - [Hepatitis Program](#): Provides education, prevention, and treatment services for Viral Hepatitis. "Hepatitis" means inflammation of the liver, and also 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 HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program contracts with 10 local public health and community-based organizations to offer Hepatitis C testing and immunizations for Hepatitis A and B to people at risk. Beginning in 2016, testing for Hepatitis B and C will be offered to those at risk at all 65 clinics in the Community-Based Screening Services Program.
 - [Sexually Transmitted Diseases \(STD\) Program](#): The STD Program maintains a Community-Based Screening Services Program with 65 public clinics across Iowa, targeting those most at risk for adverse outcomes of undetected infection. Chlamydia and gonorrhea, respectively, represent the first and second most commonly reported conditions in Iowa and the U.S. In both the public and private sectors, the STD Program offers technical assistance for sexual health program development, promotes clinician/patient dialogue about STD prevention, and ensures proper testing and treatment of exposed partners. State General Funds are used to obtain a 75.0% match from the federal [Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant](#).

Funding—State General Fund

The Infectious Diseases General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. The Infectious Diseases General Fund appropriation has been at \$1,335,155 since FY 2013.

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 DPH, the funds are tracked separately in the DPH Gifts & Grants Fund.

More Information

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Related Code and Administrative Rules

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

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