

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Overview

MISSION

The mission of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Maryland citizens in a fiscally responsible way.

VISION

Leading the Way to a Healthy Maryland in the New Millennium.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. To improve the health status of Marylanders and their families by assuring the provision of quality primary, preventive and specialty care services.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Infant mortality rate for all races	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.1	5.9
Infant mortality rate for African-Americans	12.0	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.2	9.9	9.5
Percent births with first trimester care	68%	68%	67%	67%	71%	76%	80%
Teen birth rate per 1,000 women, ages 15-19	24.7	22.1	19.3	17.0	16.6	15.3	14.2

Goal 2. To promote healthy behaviors, prevent infectious diseases, and ensure accurate public health surveillance.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Percent of two-year-olds with up-to-date immunizations	74%	67%	76%	74%	75%	75%	75%
Rate of primary/secondary syphilis per 100,000 population	7.8	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.5

Goal 3. To reduce the proportion of Maryland residents currently engaged in tobacco-related risk behaviors detrimental to their health and the health of others.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Under-age middle school students who currently smoke cigarettes			4%	3%		2%	-
Under-age high school students who currently smoke cigarettes			11%	8%		8%	-
Percent of adults who currently smoke cigarettes		16%		15%		14%	-

Goal 4. To prevent chronic diseases and disabilities, detect cancer early, and ensure accurate public health surveillance.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Overall cancer mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate	167.8	163.7	161.9	160.9	156.0	153.1	150.3
Heart disease mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate	172.0	171.9	171.7	167.2	158.0	152.9	147.7

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Goal 5. Reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in Maryland and extend life for people with HIV/AIDS in Maryland.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Number of new HIV Diagnoses	1,761	1,771	1,620	1,571	1,522	1,473	1,424
Number of new AIDS diagnoses	802	802	787	714	641	568	495

Goal 6. Adopt cutting edge scientific technology to improve the quality and reliability of public health laboratory practice and detect treatable hereditary disorders to prevent intellectual disability, other defects, and death.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Turnaround time for newborn screening tests (days)	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number of genetic amplification methods to detect emerging and re-emerging infections	28	28	28	28	30	32	34

Goal 7. Provide treatment services that decrease substance use and improves social functioning.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Percent decrease in substance abuse during treatment		73%	67%	66%	66%	67%	68%
Percent increase in employment at completion of SRD treatment		45%	43%	41%	43%	44%	46%
Percent decrease in number arrested		83%	86%	77%	80%	82%	83%

Goal 8. Increase the abilities of people with mental illness to live successfully in the community.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Percent of adults (18-64 years old) who report being employed		20%	21%	23%	24%	25%	25%
Percent of adults (18-64 years old) who report being satisfied with		56%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%
Percent of patients entering another level of SRD treatment within		64%	63%	64%	65%	66%	66%

Goal 9. Provide community-based services to an increasing number of eligible individuals with developmental disabilities.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Number of individuals served, including those receiving resource coordination and behavioral health services	22,328	23,359	24,445	25,183	25,315	26,705	28,205

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Goal 10. Improve the health of Maryland's adults and children.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Percentage of elderly and individuals with disabilities receiving state-funded services in community alternatives versus nursing facilities	43%	45%	45%	46%	46%	47%	48%
Percent of Medicaid children ages 4-20 years receiving dental services	66%	68%	68%	68%	70%	71%	72%

Goal 11. Improve the quality of care to residents in nursing facilities.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Number of days to initiate investigation	39	37	38	27	34	40	34