

Prevention and Health Promotion Administration Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Overview

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Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA)

100% Marylanders Served

Providing a public health infrastructure and **safety net for all Marylanders**



GF - \$ 54.7 Million (FY20 Allowance)
FF - \$226.5 Million
SF - \$148.6 Million
RF - \$ 2.3 Million
TF - \$432.1 Million



508 employees

459 PIN

49 Contractuals

Components:

**Cancer and Chronic Disease
Bureau**

Environmental Health Bureau

**Infectious Disease Epidemiology
and Outbreak Response Bureau**

**Infectious Disease Prevention and
Health Services Bureau**

Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA)

New in FY 2020 Budget

- 55 PINs (53.8 FTE) to convert employees currently working under Interagency Agreements-saving the Department more than \$ 900,000
- \$3 Million GF to cover increased treatment costs in Breast & Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program
- \$1 Million GF for Hepatitis C provider training, surveillance and linkage to care activities

Additions to FY 2019 Budget

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Environmental Health Bureau

Ensures Marylanders have safe food, air, and water; safe places to live, work, and play; and safe ways of getting from place to place

- **Prevention: Education and Health Initiatives**

- Asthma and Lead Prevention Efforts – recent partnership with Medicaid and Department of Housing and Community Development on reducing asthma and lead impacts on kids (inc. lead testing, home visits, asthma prevention through the Children’s Health Insurance Program).
- Violence and Injury Prevention, Sexual Assault and Rape Prevention education
- Kids in Safety Seats (car seat education and inspection events)

- **Prevention: Epidemiology Program**

- Violent Death and Reporting System
- Asthma Surveillance
- General environmental and occupational injury surveillance

- **Regulation: License and inspect:**

- Food manufacturers, dairy facilities, food processing facilities, and retail establishments
- Summer and youth camps
- Pools

Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau

Reducing and preventing the transmission of infectious diseases while helping those impacted live longer, healthier lives

- **HIV Prevention and Health Services and Surveillance**
 - In 2017, there were 1,042 diagnoses of HIV, the lowest number since 1986

- **Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program**
 - In FY 18 served 7,225 individuals with a monthly average enrollment of 5,930.

- **Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention**
 - Continued enhanced gonorrhea response projects in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties Implemented electronic laboratory reporting, reducing paper-based inefficiencies in STI surveillance.

- **Center for Viral Hepatitis**
 - Training primary care providers, providing system supports, and collaborating with Medicaid to integrate hepatitis C testing and cure into primary medical care
 - Working with local health departments, community-based organizations, and emergency rooms to establish and provide rapid hepatitis C testing programs to the most vulnerable Marylanders

Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau

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■ **Infectious Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Response**

- Responded to 416 infectious disease outbreaks in 2018, including *Legionella*, adenovirus, and a multistate *Vibrio* outbreak associated with contaminated Venezuelan crabmeat
- Processed over 100,000 communicable disease reports, mostly automatic electronic laboratory reports

■ **Antibiotic Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infection Response**

- Established Statewide Prevention and Reduction of *C difficile* collaborative (SPARC) to target Maryland's traditionally high rate of *C diff* infection (CDI) in hospitals and implement practices to help Maryland meet national goal of 30% reduction in hospital-acquired CDI
- Implemented a webinar training series for long-term care facility staff to improve infection prevention in these non-hospital settings

■ **Zoonotic and Vectorborne Infections**

- Developed (in concert with 4-H and the Maryland Department of Agriculture) swine flu-prevention signs and other educational materials for use at the state and county fairs -- to prevent a recurrence of the fair-associated outbreak of swine flu that occurred in MD in 2017

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■ Childhood, Adolescent, and Adult Immunizations

- Supported statewide vaccination efforts : Recognized by CDC for having most improved adult pneumococcal vaccination rate and for having among the highest flu vaccination rates among children (67.5%) - and 3rd highest rate overall flu vaccination rate in the US;
- Coordinated the public health response to Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) cases in Maryland

■ Tuberculosis Control and Prevention

- Partnered with private providers, hospitals, FQHCs, colleges and universities, and local health departments, to manage more than 200 increasingly complex TB cases, including MDR/XDR TB
- Instituted physician and laboratory reporting of “latent TB infection” to try to prevent people from developing active infectious TB

Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau

Top 15 Reportable Diseases, Maryland, 2017

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#	Disease	Count	#	Disease	Count
1	Chlamydia	33,416	9	Syphilis, Primary & Secondary	573
2	Gonorrhea	10,978	10	Strep pneumoniae, Invasive disease	486
3	Lyme disease	1,887	11	Meningitis, Aseptic	435
4	HIV Infection Adults/Adolescent (Age 13+)	1,043	12	Strep Group A, Invasive disease	365
5	Salmonellosis	894	13	Malaria	238
6	Campylobacteriosis	886	14	Tuberculosis	207
7	Mycobacteriosis (non-TB/ Leprosy)	884	15	Giardiasis	168
8	Strep Group B, Invasive disease	616			

Data Sources: Maryland's NEDSS, eHARS, and PRISM databases.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau

A diverse array of public health service programs that cover the life span

FY 2018 Accomplishments:

■ **Maryland Family Planning Program**

- 108,130 family planning & reproductive health visits for 72,700 clients of whom 84% are low-income and/or uninsured – served through a network of over 70 clinic sites statewide

■ **Clinical Specialty Services**

- Contributed towards clinical services for 6,095 children and adolescents including visits and genetic counseling in genetic centers, complex care centers, and in pediatric hematology and hemophilia programs

■ **Infant Follow Up Services**

- 6,060 newborns identified in the newborn bloodspot screening program, infant hearing program, sickle cell program, and birth defects program received follow up services including some linkage to care

■ **Maryland WIC Program**

- Each month, nearly 130,000 pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and children up to age five receive nutrition services through a network of 85 sites statewide

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FY2018/19 Accomplishments:

- **The Babies Born Healthy** (infant mortality initiative) went through a restructuring process based on a program assessment and data analysis review in conjunction with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. Eight local health departments and one community health clinic use funds to provide care coordination to at-risk pregnant and postpartum women through pregnancy until twelve weeks after delivery.
- The MCHB updated the **Maryland Perinatal System Standards** in order to assure the quality of hospital obstetric and neonatal services. The updated standards include a requirement to develop a written policy for the management of obstetric patients with opioid use and opioid use disorder. The updated standards have been disseminated to all birthing hospitals in the state.

Cancer and Chronic Disease Bureau

Working with communities, clinical providers, health care systems, and insurers to improve health outcomes

Cancer Prevention and Control:

- During FY 2018, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program served 1,253 clients centrally and 2,002 clients through local health departments.
- During FY 2018, the Maryland Breast and Cervical Cancer (Screening) Program served 5,570 clients.
- During FY 2018, the Cigarette Restitution Fund supported 3,152 cancer screening procedures for 2,691 clients.

Improving Oral Health

- In FY 2018, funding from federal grants was used to ensure that a high percentage of Marylanders continue to have access to optimally fluoridated water; currently, 94% percent of the population on public water supply receives fluoridated water.
- Through the Eastern Shore Oral Health Outreach Program, 1,708 children received fluoride varnish applications at elementary schools and Head Start centers on the Eastern Shore during this fiscal year.

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Tobacco Use Prevention and Control

- Over 29,000 residents called the Maryland Tobacco Quitline in FY 2018
- Local health departments educated 95,450 youth on electronic smoking device (ESD) prevention (e.g. e-cigarettes, vapes, JUULs) in community settings to address skyrocketing ESD use among youth

Chronic Disease Prevention and Control

- Eight local health departments engaged 30 practices and at least 164 providers to implement quality improvement activities to improve the prevention, management, and health outcomes of diabetes and hypertension, reaching 112,200 patients
- Maryland has sustained the 63 National Diabetes Prevention Programs (National DPPs) and engaged 54 Diabetes Self Management Education and Support Programs in FY 2018
- Maryland is one of only two states that received the Medicaid Diabetes Prevention Program Reimbursement Grant, and during the demonstration, 637 Medicaid recipients enrolled in the National Diabetes Prevention Program
- Led the fourth annual Walk Maryland Day which engaged 8 state agency partners; 15,587 walkers participated in walks at schools, workplaces and communities in all of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions

**The Maryland Department of Health's Responses to the DLS FY 2020
Prevention and Health Promotion Administration Budget Analysis
February 14, 2019 (House) and February 21, 2019 (Senate)**

Policy Questions

None.

Budget Questions

The Department of Legislative Services recommends deleting \$1,660,218 in federal funds due to a double-budgeted federal grant. (pgs. 3, 21, 30)

The Department concurs with this technical adjustment.

**OLA Report on Prevention and Health Promotion Administration
Status Report as of February 14, 2019**

The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration's recent OLA audit yielded seven findings.

For Findings 2 through 6, we are awaiting independent verification by the Maryland Department of Health's Office of the Inspector General to confirm that the following measures we implemented were sufficient to address OLA's concerns.

- Finding 2: PHPA's Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (MADAP) and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program began using the Maryland Automated Benefits Systems (MABS) in March 2016. Additionally, PHPA has implemented the process of verifying third-party insurance in partnership with Medicaid.
- Finding 3: PHPA has established policies that no longer allow employees who review eligibility determinations the access to enter and approve applications on the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (MADAP) system; adjusting employees' access to the MADAP system based on their duties and responsibilities; and implementing an independent review and approval process of pharmacy claim overrides and insurance premium payments.
- Finding 4: PHPA established procedures whereby overpayment recoveries would be pursued within 90 days following the receipt of the final pharmacy audit report.
- Finding 5: PHPA implemented a chain of command process for tracking and logging checks. PHPA began using the initial record of cash receipts received directly from the preparer to verify deposits. PHPA now ensures the destruction of remotely deposited checks no later than 30 days from the date of deposit.
- Finding 6: PHPA will be performing monthly reviews of the PRISM data system to determine if access to the system is no longer required or warranted by an employee. The reviews are documented by PHPA leadership.

The remaining two findings are still undergoing the corrective action:

- Finding 1: PHPA has established and implemented procedures to verify that all required manufacturers pay rebates and that the payments are accurate. PHPA is in the process of re-calculating rebates received in prior periods and has pursued collection of underpayments.
- Finding 7: PHPA has begun the process of designing a new electronic system to manage licensing, permission, and inspection functions of the Office of Food Protection in the Environmental Health Bureau. In the interim, prior to full implementation of the new information management system, the Office of Food Protection is utilizing a spreadsheet to ensure timely inspections of all firms.