

# DHMH - Public Health Services - Executive Direction

## MISSION

The mission of the Office of the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services is to improve the health status of individuals, families, and communities through prevention, early intervention, surveillance, and treatment.

## VISION

Maryland citizens, including those with special needs, have the knowledge, skills, and access to services to improve and maintain their health and well-being. We will be the leader in fostering an equitable system that maximizes individual development and community wellness and is based in public health principles and values.

## KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

**Goal 1. The Anatomy Board will provide an immediate response when notified of a death; ascertain necessary information pertaining to the death; determine jurisdiction or authority and fulfill the legal requirements regarding the death; safeguard the rights of family members and individuals to claim bodies received by the Board; and assure the decedent body is granted final disposition in a dignified manner.**

**Obj. 1.1** To recover State expenditures of costs incurred whenever a body is claimed for private disposition, except where fees are waived when the person making the claim has a financial hardship.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Unclaimed bodies received	1,005	1,029	1,171	1,251	1,428	1,499	1,574
Bodies claimed	418	404	546	573	667	700	735
Reimbursement of expenses	\$89,871	\$95,272	\$99,776	\$103,607	\$120,112	\$126,118	\$132,424

**Goal 2. The Anatomy Board will provide medical education programs and research study programs concerning the use of donated and unclaimed bodies, as well as available anatomical material, to meet specific study goals and objectives.**

**Obj. 2.1** To fully utilize the available decedent bodies and anatomical resources in order to have the greatest positive impact on advancing and promoting medical science, and to recover State expenditures via fees.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Number of donated bodies available for study	733	772	852	855	995	1045	1097
Number of unclaimed bodies available for study	587	625	625	678	761	799	839
Number of requests for cadaver-specimen(s)	384	390	378	366	354	372	391
Reimbursement of expenses	\$585,717	\$516,062	\$619,975	\$550,099	\$739,199	\$776,159	\$814,967

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