

Maryland Department of Health - Overview

MISSION

We work together to promote and improve the health and safety of all Marylanders through disease prevention, access to care, quality management, and community engagement.

VISION

Lifelong health and wellness for all Marylanders.

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	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Infant mortality rate for all races	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.0
Infant mortality rate for African-Americans	10.5	10.6	11.2	10.9	10.6	10.4	10.1
Percent births with first trimester care	67%	67%	67%	70%	74%	77%	80%
Teen birth rate per 1,000 women, ages 15-19	19.3	17.0	16.9	15.5	14.3	13.3	12.3

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

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
¹ Percent of two-year-olds with up-to-date immunizations	76%	74%	77%	78%	78%	78%	78%
Rate of primary/secondary syphilis per 100,000 population	7.7	7.5	8.5	8.5	7.9	7.4	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	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Under-age middle school students who currently smoke cigarettes	3.9%	2.5%		2.0%		1.8%	
Under-age high school students who currently smoke cigarettes	11.0%	8.2%		8.0%		7.5%	
Percent of adults who currently smoke cigarettes	16.4%	14.6%	15.1%	13.7%	13.5%	13.2%	13.0%

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

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Overall cancer mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate	161.9	160.9	155.0	152.0	149.0	146.0	143.2
¹ Heart disease mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate	171.7	167.2	169.3	157.6	153.0	148.3	143.7

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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	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Number of new HIV diagnoses	1,328	1,290	1,342	1,276	1,210	1,144	1,078
Number of new AIDS diagnoses	867	669	614	539	464	388	313

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	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Turnaround time for newborn screening tests (days)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number of genetic amplification methods to detect emerging and re-emerging infections	28	28	30	32	34	36	36

Goal 7. Provide treatment services that decrease substance abuse and improve social functioning.

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Percent decrease in substance abuse during treatment	67%	66%	66%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent increase in employment at completion of substance related disorder (SRD) treatment	43%	41%	43%	31%	39%	40%	40%
Percent of adults that showed a decrease in the number of arrests	86%	77%	80%	24%	45%	45%	45%

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

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Percent of adults that gained or maintained employment	27%	28%	29%	29%	32%	32%	32%
Percent of adults who report being satisfied with their recovery	55%	55%	55%	73%	74%	74%	74%
Percent of patients entering another level of SRD treatment within 30 days of dis-enrollment	63%	64%	65%	28%	25%	25%	25%

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

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Number of individuals served, including those receiving resource coordination and behavioral health services	24,445	25,183	25,315	23,380	23,942	24,419	24,896

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

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Percentage of elderly and individuals with disabilities receiving state-funded services in community alternatives versus nursing facilities	45%	46%	51%	45%	47%	48%	49%
Percent of Medicaid children ages 4-20 years receiving dental services	68%	68%	69%	68%	69%	69%	70%

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

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Number of days to initiate investigation	38	27	34	47	51	45	40

Goal 12. Reduce the amount of fraud, waste, and abuse in total spending in Medicaid and non-Medicaid state healthcare funds.

Performance Measures	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.
Annual Program Integrity Unit savings (millions)	10.8	31.3	8.0	8.0	4.8	10.0	10.0

NOTES

¹ 2016 data is estimated.