

New Mexico's Department of Health

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Department of Health Background:

How We Began – The New Mexico Department of Health was founded on March 15, 1919. Governor Larrazaolo signed House Bill 118 to create the department.

Who We Are – The Department Of Health is a cabinet level agency with approximately 3800 employees. We are doctors, nurses, systems experts, program managers, administrators, trainers, attorneys, etc. who operate under the direction of the Secretary of Health and the Building a Healthy New Mexico motto.

Prevention and Health Promotion (PHP)

Mission Statement

Provide a statewide system of prevention, health promotion and education, community health improvement and other public health services for the people of New Mexico.

Our Customers

Mothers and children, particularly those with no other funding source; people living with HIV/AIDS; children and adults with chronic or infectious disease or other special health needs; individuals and communities in New Mexico.

Our Goals

- Promote positive maternal, child, adolescent, and family health outcomes in New Mexico using evidence-based strategies and programs
- Promote positive growth and development of children and adolescents
- Promote health, enhance quality of life, and prevent and manage infectious and chronic disease
- Promote comprehensive health improvement processes to improve health status in communities, counties and Tribes

Health Infrastructure (HI)

Mission Statement

Maintain and enhance a statewide public health infrastructure and the interrelated systems of district/local public health, primary care, rural health, dental and school-based health services so that the people of New Mexico can be assured access to an integrated system of high quality health services.

Our Customers

Uninsured, low-income individuals needing primary care and dental services, school-aged children and their families, individuals and communities in New Mexico.

Our Goals

- Assure access to, and quality of, district and local public health services
- Assure access to, and quality of, basic health systems including primary care, rural health (including community hospitals), and school health services
- Assure access to oral health care for all New Mexicans

Surveillance, Response, and Reporting (SRR)

Mission Statement

Maintain and enhance a statewide system of population-based surveillance, vital records and health statistics, emergency medical services, bio-terrorism and emergency preparedness, and injury prevention.

Our Customers

Individuals requiring emergency medical services, individuals needing data and reports on the health status of New Mexicans, individuals requiring vital records, individuals concerned about bio-terrorism preparedness and individuals in New Mexico.

Our Goals

- Assure statewide availability of the essential public health functions that include epidemiological assessment; vital records registration; analysis and reporting of population health status and public health conditions; and timely response to emergencies and threats to public health.
- Assure statewide availability of emergency medical services and a timely response to emergencies and threats to public health
- Assure safe environments for New Mexico communities and families through a statewide injury prevention program

Testing and Pharmaceutical (TP)

Mission Statement

Provide ancillary services to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of identified conditions and to provide pharmacy services.

Our Customers

Law enforcement agencies and personnel, the Office of the Medical Investigator, individuals receiving medications through the Department of Health's health systems.

Our Goals

- Assure statewide the availability of a public health laboratory and pharmacy Services

Behavioral Health Services (BHS)

Mission Statement

Provide an effective, accessible, regionally coordinated and integrated continuum of behavioral health prevention and treatment services, which are consumer-driven and provided in the least restrictive setting, for eligible persons in New Mexico so that they may become stabilized and their functioning levels may improve.

Our Customers

Adolescents and young adults at risk of substance abuse and mental health conditions, uninsured and under-insured individuals with incomes below the federal poverty level and their families with mental illness or substance abuse issues, seriously mentally ill persons and substance abusers needing inpatient treatment, adolescent sexual offenders and violent mentally ill adolescent males.

Our Goals

- Maintain and enhance a comprehensive behavioral health prevention service system to prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD) among youth, families and communities
- Assure timely access to an effective, consumer-driven, integrated continuum of safety net services for adults with behavioral health needs in order to stabilize and improve the functioning levels

Long-Term Care Services (LTCS)

Mission Statement

Provide an effective, efficient and accessible safety net system of long-term care facilities and services for eligible New Mexicans so that their quality of life and independence can be maximized.

Our Customers

Disabled and elderly persons with specialized support needs, medically fragile persons and veterans requiring long-term care.

Our Goals

- Maintain and enhance a comprehensive safety net system of long-term care services for people with special needs

Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS)

Mission Statement

Provide a statewide system of community-based services and supports to improve the quality of life and increase independence of individuals with developmental disabilities, and children with or at risk for developmental delay or disability and their families.

Our Customers

Children and adults with developmental disabilities and children with or at risk of developmental delays.

Our Goals

- Maintain and enhance an effective, efficient, community-based continuum of safety net services for persons with developmental disabilities and children with or at risk for developmental delay that are prevention focused, accessible, and support choices
- Assure that the developmental disabilities service system meets quality assurance standards and incorporates quality improvement strategies that are responsive to participants, culturally competent and that support informed choice

Licensing, Certification and Oversight (LCO)

Mission Statement

Assure high quality health care systems through licensing and certification, quality oversight, contract compliance and auditing functions.

Our Customers

Health care providers requiring licensing and certification and their patients, and consumers of health care services.

Our Goals

- Assure compliance with standards of care in hospitals, nursing homes, other health care facilities, and community programs through various quality improvement activities

Administrative and Policy Division (APD)

Mission Statement

Provide leadership, policy development and administrative support to the Department of Health.

Our Customers

Department of Health programs, staff, contractors, suppliers and vendors; people living along the U.S.-Mexico border, individuals and communities of New Mexico.

Our Goals

- Through the Secretary's Office, provide leadership, health policy development and planning, coordination of all information technology, legal support, public information, program and fiscal oversight and accountability
- Effectively manages the Department's financial resources
- Provide effective and efficient human resource and staff development support throughout the Department of Health
- Eliminate the disparities in health status outcomes resulting from race/ethnicity, disabilities, socioeconomic status, age, gender identity and sexual orientation, and geographic location.

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- Diabetes Education 888-523-2966
- Fort Bayard Medical Center 505-537-8600
- Human Resources 888-827-0329
- Nursing Home Complaints 800-752-8649
- Office of Policy and Minority Health 505-827-1052
- Public Health Division 505-827-2389
- Rehabilitation Center, Roswell 505-347-3400
- Sequoyah Adolescent Treatment Center 505-344-4673
- State Veterans Home 505-894-4200
- Turquoise Lodge 505-841-8978