Department of Public Health

DPH48500

Position Summary

Account	Actual FY 13	Governor Estimated FY 14	Original Appropriation FY 15	Governor Revised FY 15	Legislative FY 15	Difference Leg-Gov FY 15
Permanent Full-Time - GF	506	516	476	478	481	3
Permanent Full-Time - IF	0	0	0	3	3	0

	B	udget Sum	mary			
Account	Actual FY 13	Governor Estimated FY 14	Original Appropriation FY 15	Governor Revised FY 15	Legislative FY 15	Difference Leg-Gov FY 15
Personal Services	32,090,371	34,643,549	34,383,489	34,447,872	34,391,334	(56,538)
Other Expenses	6,510,439	6,571,032	6,771,619	6,755,969	6,775,690	19,721
Equipment	0	1	1	1	1	0
Other Current Expenses						
Needle and Syringe Exchange Program	428,870	459,416	459,416	459,416	459,416	0
Children's Health Initiatives	2,885,920	2,051,217	2,065,957	2,065,957	2,057,286	(8,671)
Childhood Lead Poisoning	71,608	72,362	72,362	72,362	72,362	0
Aids Services	4,726,902	4,975,686	4,975,686	4,975,686	4,975,686	0
Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Treatment	2,009,825	2,209,922	2,222,917	2,222,917	2,213,575	(9,342)
Children with Special Health Care Needs	1,211,087	1,220,505	1,220,505	1,220,505	1,220,505	0
Medicaid Administration	2,414,931	2,637,563	2,784,617	2,784,617	2,773,467	(11,150)
Fetal and Infant Mortality Review	15,872	19,000	19,000	19,000	0	(19,000)
Immunization Services	0	30,076,656	31,361,117	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Review	0	0	0	0	104,000	104,000
Other Than Payments to Local Government	ts		· · · · ·			
Community Health Services	6,337,057	6,298,866	5,855,796	5,855,796	6,213,866	358,070
Rape Crisis	419,788	422,008	422,008	422,008	622,008	200,000
X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis Care	818,703	1,195,148	1,195,148	1,195,148	1,195,148	0
Genetic Diseases Programs	791,240	795,427	795,427	795,427	837,072	41,645
Immunization Services	18,386,771	0	0	0	0	0
Other Than Payments to Local Government	ts					
Local and District Departments of Health	4,662,487	4,669,173	4,669,173	4,678,031	4,685,779	7,748
Venereal Disease Control	186,261	187,362	187,362	187,362	197,171	9,809
School Based Health Clinics	10,110,646	12,747,463	12,638,716	12,638,716	12,048,716	(590,000)
Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	201,698	147,102	144,162	140,792	(3,370)
Agency Total - General Fund	94,078,778	111,454,054	112,247,418	80,940,952	80,983,874	42,922
Immunization Services	0	0	0	31,509,441	31,509,441	0
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	0	0	0	31,509,441	31,509,441	0
Total - Appropriated Funds	94,078,778	111,454,054	112,247,418	112,450,393	112,493,315	42,922

Account	Govern	or Revised FY 15	Leg	islative FY 15	Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Current Services

Implement Long-Term Care Employee Background Checks

Personal Services	4	144,268	4	144,268	0	0
Total - General Fund	4	144,268	4	144,268	0	0

Background

CGS Sec. 19a-491c requires DPH to create and implement a criminal history and patient abuse background search program in order to facilitate the performance, processing and analysis of the criminal history and patient abuse background search of individuals who have direct access to residents.

Governor

Provided funding of \$144,268 and four full-time positions (a Health Program Associate and three Office Assistants) to implement long-term care employee background checks.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Local Health Departments and Districts

Local and District Departments of Health	0	8,858	0	16,606	0	7,748
Total - General Fund	0	8,858	0	16,606	0	7,748

Background

PA 09-3 SSS restructured the per capita subsidies for local health departments, eliminating the per capita subsidy for part-time health departments and adjusting the per capita subsidy for district health departments to \$1.85 per capita for districts that serve at least 50,000 people and/or three or more municipalities (CGS 19a-245). It also restricted the existing per capita subsidy of \$1.18 for full-time health departments to those that serve at least 50,000 people (CGS 19a-202).

Governor

Provide funding of \$8,858 to reflect updated population estimates for Local and District Departments of Health.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$16,606 to reflect updated population estimates for Local and District Departments of Health.

Adjust Funding for Revised Estimated GAAP Requirements

Total - General Fund	0	(2,940)	0	(2,940)	0	0
Accruals						
Nonfunctional - Change to	0	(2,940)	0	(2,940)	0	0

Background

Each agency's budget includes a line item account called "Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals." This line item represents the estimate of the difference between an agency's cash-basis budget amount and the accrual-basis amounts that will be reflected under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). These funds will not be available for spending; in the aggregate they will prevent the state's GAAP deficit from growing.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,940 to reflect updated estimates of accruals to comply with GAAP. Across all appropriated funds, there is a net GAAP reduction of \$33.8 million.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
Account	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Policy Revisions

Transfer Immunization Services to the Insurance Fund

Immunization Services	(3)	(31,361,117)	(3)	(31,361,117)	0	0
Total - General Fund	(3)	(31,361,117)	(3)	(31,361,117)	0	0
Immunization Services	3	31,361,117	3	31,361,117	0	0
Total - Insurance Fund	3	31,361,117	3	31,361,117	0	0

Background

The DPH General Fund appropriation for its Immunization Services account are recouped as General Fund revenue through an annual health and welfare fee assessment of domestic insurers, health care centers, third-party administrators and exempt insurers doing health insurance business in Connecticut, as authorized by CGS Sec. 19a-7j.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$31,361,117 and three full-time positions from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund. In concert with this change, Section 66 of PA 14-217, the budget implementer, transfers the existing health and welfare fee assessment revenue from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund. It requires that this assessment, executed by the Insurance Commissioner, be adjusted upwards or downwards by the actual expenditures from the prior fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Fringe Benefit Funding to the Insurance Fund

Immunization Services	0	148,324	0	148,324	0	0
Total - Insurance Fund	0	148,324	0	148,324	0	0

Background

The fringe benefit costs for state employees funded under the General Fund are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. Fringe benefits for non-General Fund employees are budgeted for directly within the respective agencies with non-General Fund employees.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$148,324 from the Office of the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits to DPH associated with the transfer of Immunization Services from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund. See the write-up titled, "Transfer Immunization Services to the Insurance Fund" for more detail.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Eliminate Uncommitted School Based Health Center Funding

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School Based Health Clinics	0	0	0	(790,000)	0	(790,000)
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	(790,000)	0	(790,000)

Background

New funding of \$1,341,200 was authorized in the FY 13 Revised Budget for competitive grants to ten educational reform school districts to support the establishment or expansion of up to two School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) in each of those districts for half the school year in FY 13. In addition to this, for half the school year in FY 13, \$61,902 in new funding was authorized to support a SBHC at Church Street School in Hamden and \$61,901 in new funding was authorized to support a SBHC at Pawcatuck Middle School in Stonington. Annualized funding of \$2,723,666 was included in the FY 14 and FY 15 Biennial Budget to support this expansion of SBHC funding.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$790,000 to reflect the elimination of SBHC expansion dollars that remain uncommitted as a request for proposals for this funding was not issued by DPH in FY 14.

Account	Govern	or Revised FY 15	Leg	islative FY 15	Difference from Governor	
Account	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Restore Direct Care Funding Reduction

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Community Health Services	0	0	0	443,070	0	443,070
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	443,070	0	443,070

Background

The FY 14 and FY 15 Biennial Budget reduced funding to the Community Health Services account by \$256,587 in FY 14 and an additional \$443,070 in FY 15, for a cumulative funding reduction of \$699,657 in FY 15, to reflect an anticipated expansion in the insured patient population treated by Community Health Centers (CHCs) due to the Federal Affordable Care Act.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$443,070 in the Community Health Services account to restore funding for CHCs to FY 14 levels.

Transfer Funding to Support OEC Youth Camp Regulation

Personal Services	(3)	(357,546)	(3)	(357,546)	0	0
Other Expenses	0	(15,650)	0	(15,650)	0	0
Total - General Fund	(3)	(373,196)	(3)	(373,196)	0	0

Background

Youth camp licensure and regulation is intended to assure that all youth camp programs operate at or above the required standards established by state statutes and regulations. This is accomplished by staff provision of technical assistance, application processing, facility monitoring, complaint investigation and enforcement activities.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$373,196 and three staff from DPH to OEC to support the licensing and regulation of youth camps under the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). The three full-time staff positions being transferred are a Supervising Nurse Consultant, a Health Program Associate and a Licensing and Applications Analyst. PA 14-39 implements this change.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer OLRC Positions Back to DPH

Personal Services	4	277,661	4	277,661	0	0
Total - General Fund	4	277,661	4	277,661	0	0

Background

PA 11-181, AAC Early Childhood Education and the Establishment of a Coordinated System of Early Care and Education and Child Development, authorized comprehensive and aligned policies, responsibilities, practices and services for young children and their families, including prenatal care and care for children from birth to age eight to ensure the optimal health, safety and learning of young children in Connecticut. PA 13-184, the FY 14 and FY 15 Biennial Budget, transferred funding of \$2.3 million and 40 positions from DPH to the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to reflect OEC taking over DPH's early childhood related functions, including the regulation of child daycare.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$277,661 and four positions back to DPH from OEC to better reflect appropriate staff functions. These positions are located in DPH's Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance (OLRC) and spend only a portion of their time on child daycare regulation. These four staff will continue to provide such support to OEC via a memorandum of understanding.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Newtown Middle School SBHC

School Based Health Clinics	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000

Background

School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are located within or on the grounds of schools and are licensed as outpatient facilities or hospital satellite clinics. The services offered and the populations served by SBHCs vary by site but may address mental and/or oral health needs of students in grades pre-K through grade 12, in addition to the provision of primary health care services.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 to the Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. to support a SBHC in Newtown Middle School.

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
Account	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Provide Funding for Sexual Violence Prevention and Response

Rape Crisis	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000

Background

DPH contracts with Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services Inc. (CONNSACS) to support nine rape crisis centers statewide, which provide direct services to sexual assault victims and survivors. Sexual assault crisis counselors and victim advocates at each center throughout the state provide crisis counseling, information and referrals, and support and accompaniment at hospitals, police stations and courts to nearly 5,000 victims, survivors and their loved ones each year. According to a January 2014 report by The White House Council on Women and Girls titled, *Rape and Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action*, one in five women has been sexually assaulted while in college.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 in the Rape Crisis account. Of this amount, \$175,000 is directed to support the expansion of (1) sexual violence prevention activities and (2) direct services for rape and other sexual assault victims and their families in Connecticut and \$25,000 is directed to address the prevention of sexual violence within the constituent units of the state system of higher education.

Provide Funding for EMS-Related Responsibilities

Personal Services	0	0	2	139,178	2	139,178
Other Expenses	0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	2	144,178	2	144,178

Legislative

Provide funding of \$144,178 to support two Health Program Assistants, a half-time Special Investigator and a half-time Staff Attorney to implement Sections 19 to 22 of PA 14-217, the budget implementer. These sections require DPH to review a municipality's emergency medical services (EMS) plan and the primary service area responder's (PSAR's) provision of services under the plan not less than once every five years and assign a rating to these plans. They also require DPH to determine whether to approve of the sale/transfer of more than 50% of the interest/assets of a PSAR and allow the agency to hold hearings on such applications. Further, they require DPH to conduct hearings on "alternative emergency medical services plans" and approve/disapprove of such plans. DPH is allowed to develop and implement procedures to designate a temporary responder, which may include a hearing.

Provide Funding for CON Expansion

Personal Services	0	0	1	52,352	1	52,352
Other Expenses	0	0	0	1,100	0	1,100
Total - General Fund	0	0	1	53,452	1	53,452

Legislative

Provide funding of \$53,452 for one Health Care Analyst and associated expenses to support the expansion of required Certificates of Need (CON), analyzed and decided by DPH's Office of Health Care Access, to include the transfers of ownership of a group practice of eight or more physicians to any entity other than a physician or group of physicians, pursuant to PA 14-168.

Adjust Funding for Disease Programs

Genetic Diseases Programs	0	0	0	41,645	0	41,645
Venereal Disease Control	0	0	0	9,809	0	9,809
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	51,454	0	51,454

Background

CGS Sec. 19a-55 requires that all newborns delivered in Connecticut be screened for specified genetic, metabolic and endocrine disorders; currently the screening panel includes 66 such disorders. Under DPH's Genetic Diseases Programs account, contracts with Connecticut Children's Medical Center, the University of Connecticut Health Center and Yale University support services for babies with abnormal test results and their families including confirmatory testing, counseling, education, treatment and follow-up services. The Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) Program, also funded under the Genetic Diseases Programs account, works to improve care for individuals and families with SCD through community outreach, healthcare system consumer advocacy and the creation and maintenance of clinical and family networks. It also works to increase patient access to medical homes through specific care coordination, which includes planning for the transition of pediatric SCD patients to adult primary and specialist services. Under DPH's Venereal Disease Control account, funding is provided to seven local departments of health (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford and Waterbury) and two hospitals (Danbury and William Backus) to help defray the operating costs of clinics that provide medical services to clients infected with sexually transmitted diseases. Each clinic is located within a major urban area. Treatment, laboratory testing and related epidemiologic services are provided.

Account	Govern	or Revised FY 15	Leg	islative FY 15	Difference from Governor	
Account	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Legislative

Provide funding of \$41,645 to the Genetic Diseases Programs account and \$9,809 to the Venereal Disease Control account to reflect the restoration of FY 13 rescissions that were included in the FY 14 and FY 15 Biennial Budget.

Provide Funding for Cardiovascular Research

Other Expenses	0	0	0	40,000	0	40,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	40,000	0	40,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$40,000 for cardiovascular research at the Yale School of Medicine.

Provide Funding to K-B Ambulance Corps, Inc.

Other Expenses	0	0	0	35,000	0	35,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	35,000	0	35,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$35,000 to K-B Ambulance Corps, Inc. of Danielson, a non-profit, for the purchase of a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) machine.

Provide Funding for APRN Profiles

Other Expenses	0	0	0	20,000	0	20,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	20,000	0	20,000

Background

Physicians are currently the only health care providers that have profiles available online through the State of Connecticut eLicensing website.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$20,000 to make profiles of advanced practice registered nurses available online through the State of Connecticut eLicensing website pursuant to Section 158 of PA 14-217, the budget implementer.

Transfer Funding to Support Maternal Mortality Review

Fetal and Infant Mortality Review	0	0	0	(19,000)	0	(19,000)
Maternal Mortality Review	0	0	0	104,000	0	104,000
Community Health Services	0	0	0	(85,000)	0	(85,000)
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0

Background

Since FY 10, no Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) contracts have been issued or executed. In the FY 14 and FY 15 Biennial Budget, \$19,000 was provided under the FIMR account for each fiscal year to support chart review of mothers that die in childbirth. The FY 13 Revised Budget included \$85,000 for a charitable dental program, half of which was eliminated under the Governor's November 2012 rescission and the other half of which was eliminated in the December 2012 Deficit Mitigation Plan. Funding for this purpose was maintained in the FY 14 and FY 15 Biennial Budget. Through May 2014 no funds have been expended for this program.

Legislative

Transfer funding of \$104,000 into the Maternal Mortality Review account to support chart review of mothers that die in childbirth. This includes \$19,000 from the FIMR account and \$85,000 from the Community Health Services account that was originally intended to fund a charitable dental program.

Distribute Lapses

Total - General Fund	0	0	0	(358,610)	0	(358,610)
Medicaid Administration	0	0	0	(11,150)	0	(11,150)
Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Treatment	0	0	0	(9,342)	0	(9,342)
Children's Health Initiatives	0	0	0	(8,671)	0	(8,671)
Other Expenses	0	0	0	(81,379)	0	(81,379)
Personal Services	0	0	0	(248,068)	0	(248,068)

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
Account	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Background

The Governor's Revised FY 15 budget included a bottom line General Lapse of \$14,243,700, a General Other Expenses Lapse of \$4,000,000, and a Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse of \$6,796,754. These lapse amounts would have been determined and distributed to agencies by OPM at the beginning of FY 15.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$202,735 to reflect distribution of the General Lapse, \$53,828 for the General Other Expense Lapse, and \$102,047 for the Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse.

Adjust Funding for GAAP

Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	0	0	(3,370)	0	(3,370)
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	(3,370)	0	(3,370)

Legislative

Adjust funding by \$3,370 in FY 15 to reflect changes to GAAP accruals as a result of policy changes.

Increase Newborn Screening Fee Revenue Transfer to DPH

Background

PA 09-3 JSS increased the newborn screening minimum fee to \$28 per infant to \$56 per infant. Annually, approximately \$2 million in revenue is collected from newborn screening fees. Pursuant to CGS Sec. 19a-55a, a portion of this revenue is made available to DPH to cover the cost of screening. The remainder is deposited into the General Fund as unrestricted revenue. PA 13-184 increased the newborn screening fee revenue transfer to DPH by \$28,287 from the FY 12 and FY 13 transfer amounts, resulting in a total authorized transfer of \$1,150,000 in both FY 14 and FY 15 to accommodate higher costs of testing.

Governor

Section 11 of PA 14-47 provides newborn screening revenue of \$1,735,000 to DPH in FY 15, an increase in funding of \$585,000 from FY 14. This additional funding will be used to support salary and fringe benefits costs for four new staff positions: one full-time Biological Services Manager, one full-time Supervising Nurse Consultant, one full-time Principal Chemist and one half-time Laboratory Information Management Systems Administrator. Increased newborn screening staff will support process improvements recommended by the Association of Public Health Laboratories in their recent review of the Katherine A. Kelley State Public Health Laboratory.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 15		Legi	slative FY 15	Difference from Governor	
budget Components	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$
Original Appropriation - GF	476	112,247,418	476	112,247,418	0	0
Current Services	4	150,186	4	157,934	0	7,748
Policy Revisions	(2)	(31,456,652)	1	(31,421,478)	3	35,174
Total Recommended - GF	478	80,940,952	481	80,983,874	3	42,922
Original Appropriation - IF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy Revisions	3	31,509,441	3	31,509,441	0	0
Total Recommended - IF	3	31,509,441	3	31,509,441	0	0

Other Significant Legislation

PA 14-47, An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Sections 30 and 31 contain provisions that allow the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to allocate specific lapses to state agencies in the three branches of government (these are typically called holdbacks). The agency's FY 15 appropriation levels will be reduced by the amounts shown in the table to achieve the lapses included in PA 14-47. This includes a General Lapse of \$173,194 and a Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse of \$167,463. See the FY 15 Holdbacks schedule in Section VI of this document for a further description of these statewide savings targets.

Account	Appropriation \$	Reduction Amount \$	Net Remaining \$	% Reduction
Personal Services	34,391,334	(290,837)	34,100,497	0.85%
Other Expenses	6,775,690	(24,426)	6,751,264	0.36%
Children's Health Initiatives	2,057,286	(7,416)	2,049,870	0.36%
Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and				
Treatment	2,213,575	(7,980)	2,205,595	0.36%
Medicaid Administration	2,773,467	(9,998)	2,763,469	0.36%