

DHHS - DIVISION OF HEALTH (645) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM  
BUDGET INFORMATION ACCORDING TO ACT 1282, 1283, and 1399 of 2007

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Arkansas Division of Health (ADH) is the state agency charged with the responsibility of protecting and improving the health of the people of Arkansas by: assessment of health status and needs, leadership for the development of public health policy and plans, promotion of community-based system of preventive and primary health care, enforcement of regulations for environmental health protection and assurance of quality health care, and provision of quality health services.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget of the 2007-09 biennium is \$360,547,061 for FY2008 and \$331,769,233 for FY2009.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The budget is funded by General Revenue (15.7%), Federal Revenue (30%), Special Revenue (4.4%), Cash funds (19%), Third Party Reimbursement (22%), other funds (8.9%).

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

- Revenue Stabilization Act allocated additional General Revenue of \$1,630,004 for FY2008 and \$2,197,603 for FY2009 above the FY2007 General Revenue Forecasted Distribution.
- 30 New positions with Salary and Personal Services Matching to assist with the growth in housing developments inspections in northwest and central Arkansas, food establishment inspections and personnel to assist with communicable disease rates and outbreaks investigations and to help in developing the county emergency preparedness and pandemic influenza plans and the Newborn Screening program.
- The Grants for Nuclear Planning appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides for an increase of \$185,000 each fiscal year for the available grants to counties surrounding Arkansas Nuclear One for emergency preparedness planning.
- The Rural Health Facilities appropriation, funded by General Improvement Fund transfers or other funds, provides \$750,000 in FY08 and \$725,000 in FY09 to re-establish appropriation.
- The Health's Emergency Medical Services appropriation, funded by certification and renewal fees held in the Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund, provides for \$50,000 in FY08 and \$42,000 in FY09 to establish this new appropriation.
- The Rural Physician Incentive program appropriation, funded by General Improvement Fund transfers or other funds, provides \$155,000 in FY08 and \$135,000 in FY09 to re-establish this appropriation.
- Grants to Service Providers increased by \$750,000 each year to provide increased services.
- Reallocation of \$3.1 million in appropriation each fiscal year from the WIC Food Instruments appropriation to the Operations Operating Expenses line item to provide additional appropriation to the Drop Shipment Program.
- New biennial appropriation of \$33 million for the State Trauma System's development, operating, training, and education expenses.
- The Operations appropriation for the Division of Health, funded by General Revenue, Federal Funding, Special Revenues, Third Party Reimbursement, Tobacco Settlement Funding and Other Funding, provides for:
  - ❖ Reallocation of appropriation within the Operations appropriation to align the Division accounting structure to other divisions and to allow for cost allocation, consisting of:
    1. \$3,414,993 each year to **salary and matching** from the Nursing Recruitment line item in the amount of \$3,272,457; and Marine Sanitation Expenses line item in the amount of \$142,536.
    2. \$311,671 each year to the **Operating Expenses** line item from the Indirect Cost Allocation, War Memorial Stadium, and the Marine Sanitation Expenses line items.
    3. \$4,181,464 each year to the **Professional Fees** line item from the Contingency line item of \$4,031,464 and from the Professional Fees and Services line item of \$150,000.

- ❖ Capital Outlay increased by \$581,205 each fiscal year for normal replacement of necessary equipment, such as vehicles, refrigerators and medical testing equipment for Local Public Health Units, the Public Health Laboratory and branch operations.
- ❖ Professional Fees reallocation of \$1,473,822 each fiscal year to the Operating Expenses to assist Division with technical services contracts.

### III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for the 2007-09 biennium: 3,100

Total positions for FY 2007: 3,070

Increase/(Decrease): 30

### IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- TECHNOLOGY REVIEW: Provides that the Department shall seek approval of the state Chief Information Officer and the review and advice of the Joint Committee on Advance Communications and Information Technology prior to entering into any technology contract or project.
- PATIENT CARE PROVIDERS: Allows ADH to pay wages and required withholding for patient care part-time intermittent contractual personnel Professional Fees and Services. Compensation is not to include state retirement or health benefits.
- EXTRA SALARIES: Authorizes the payment of \$4,500 per fiscal year in extra salaries for a maximum of 20 medical doctors. The Director is also eligible for extra compensation.
- COUNTY HEALTH UNIT ADMINISTRATORS: Establishes salary adjustments for up to 10% of additional compensation to be provided to acting County Health Unit Administrators.
- TRANSFER OF FUNDS - HOME HEALTH: Allows Health to transfer all unexpended funds relative to Home Health Services reimbursements from the first year to the second year of the biennium. Allows DHHS to transfer funds from the Home Health Fund Balance with approval of ALC or JBC. **REVISES**
- HOME HEALTH POSITION POOL: Provides 250 pool positions for in-home services, which may be utilized with approval by Dept. of Finance & Administration and Legislative Council.
- HOME HEALTH ON-CALL AND VISIT PAY: Identifies positions eligible to receive \$55 per visit and \$40 per day on call pay for being available outside routine working hours on weekdays, weekends, and/or holidays.
- NUCLEAR DISASTER PLANNING GRANTS: Establishes eligibility requirements for applicants for Nuclear Disaster Planning Grants. It further establishes that a minimum of \$5,000 must be used for County Emergency Services Offices. The language further states that Pope, Johnson, Yell, Conway and Logan Counties' ESO shall receive an equal distribution of these funds on a quarterly installment.
- PARKING FEES: On July 1 of each year, parking fees of \$50,000 are to be paid from the Operations appropriation by the DHHS-Division of Health from non-general revenue to the War Memorial Stadium Commission. **REVISES**
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES: The Department is prohibited from using general revenue for expenditures payable from the Information Technology Initiatives appropriation.
- INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION FUND TRANSFERS: Division of Health is authorized to transfer funds to the Public Health Fund from other program funds.
- DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS: Division of Engineering shall consider the effect of the plan on future development or zoning or adjoining properties. **REVISES**
- CARRY FORWARD OF SPECIFIC FUNDS: Any unexpended funds under Radiation Control and Emergency Management, and Non-General Revenue grant funds, and any unexpended funds collected under Pharmacy Services and Drug Control shall be carried forward. **NEW**
- CARRY FORWARD OF SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS: Breast Cancer Control, Cervical Cancer, and Health Facility Services Programs authorizations shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year. **NEW**

## **TOBACCO PREVENTION & CESSATION**

- **CARRY FORWARD:** Any unexpended appropriation can be carried forward into the next fiscal year.
- **TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS:** Appropriations shall only be transferred as allowed in this Act.
- **TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:** If any budget classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found to be inadequate, then a modification of amounts of the budget classification can be requested.
- **POSITIONS:** Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement funds in the event that the Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.
- **ADVERTISING:** No advertising targeting the prevention or reduction of tobacco shall include the name, voice or likeness of any elected official or their immediate family.
- **COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS:** Disbursement of funds shall be limited to the appropriation made available by law.
- **LEGISLATIVE INTENT:** Any funds disbursed in this act shall be in compliance with Initiated Act 1 of 2000.