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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

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Patrick O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In the 2001 Legislative Session, LB 692 was passed into law. An annual \$50 million endowment for health care programs was created from the principal and investment income of the tobacco settlement fund and the Medicaid intergovernmental transfer (IGT) fund. Currently this endowment has increased to \$61.9 million annually for DHHS. The purpose of this endowment was to create an ongoing funding mechanism for health care in Nebraska.

NRS 71-7606 (LB 692) requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor detailing the use of funds appropriated under the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act and the outcomes achieved from such use.

The following report fulfills that statutory mandate. We appreciate the opportunity to share with the Governor and the Legislature the important work done as a result of this law.

Sincerely,

Dannette R. Smith
Chief Executive Officer
Department of Health and Human Services

2019 LB 692 Report: Table on Appropriations, Uses and Outcomes

DHS Divisions	Program	FY19 Appropriations	Use Sections are from LB 944 (2018)	Outcomes
Division of Public Health	Program 033 Administration	\$13,688	Sec 96 - \$13,688 regulatory support for emergency medical technicians-intermediate and emergency medical technicians-paramedic licensing.	Used for base costs for licensing individual providers of emergency medical services. Base costs include expenses such as salaries, postage, e-commerce, equipment, and communications. Under this program there are currently 1,605 licensed paramedics and 85 licensed Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) & Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT-I), or basic EMT's. There are also 5,256 licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and 436 licensed Emergency Medical Responders (EMR).
	Smoking Cessation	\$6,000	Sec 96 - \$6,000 cost related to implementation of smoking cessation.	Used to enhance Tobacco Free Nebraska toll free Tobacco Quit line. In 2017 there were 2,957 callers.
	Parkinson's Disease Registry	\$26,000	Sec. 96 - Parkinson's Disease Registry	DHS Office of Health Statistics uses these funds to collect, validate, and update the Parkinson's Disease Registry to monitor the incidence and mortality of Parkinson's Disease in Nebraska. Approximately 16,000 cases have been documented since the inception of the Registry. These funds are also used to process and complete data requests as well as promote the use of the registry data and enforce compliance with reporting to the Registry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design of a Parkinson's Registry Electronic data platform is completed. Collaborating on the first national standard data requirements for PD with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Council of State Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), and the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Use of Registry Data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several well water studies are using the PD database information. A study of occupational correlation with the development of PD. Linking data from the PD database with the DHHS cancer and traumatic brain injury databases, the state death file, and hospital discharge data for research. New for FY2019
	Administration	\$23,204	LB 439A, sec 1. Assisted Living	
	Administration	\$100,000	Sec 96 - \$100,000 each year for staffing and operating expenses.	Provide technical assistance to 18 local public health departments to provide the 10 essential services. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems. 2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community. 3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues. 4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems. 5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts. 6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety. 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. 8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce. 9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services. 10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

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	Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity	\$220,000 (*\$110,000 for each office)	Sec 96 - for operation a satellite office of minority health in the 2 nd and 3 rd congressional districts.	Two staff in each of the Congressional Districts 2 and 3 satellite offices are supported with these funds. Staff provided guidance and technical assistance to 11 Minority Health Initiative grantees, coordinated services and activities with community, state, local and federal agencies, health professionals, and service agencies in efforts to reduce health disparities and promote improved health among diverse populations within Congressional District 2 and 3.
Division of Children & Family Services	Nebraska Lifespan Respite Services Program	\$404,643	Sec 96 - Respite Care Program in service areas.	Continue to build upon the existing infrastructure and extend its reach in communities by further implementing statutory requirements, developing and expanding access to resources, and enhance partnerships to ensure local sustainability integrated in to the state's long-term services and supports system.
Medicaid and long Term Care	Aging	\$321,182	LB 793, Sec 14	Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) support. New for FY2019
	Total Program 033	\$1,114,717		
Division of Children & Family Services	Juvenile Service Operations	\$1,000,000	Sec 101 - Mental Health services to juvenile offenders under section 43-407.	<p>YRTC - Kearney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ \$862,620 used for salaries/benefits for Clinical Psychologist, 10 Licensed and Provisional Mental Health Practitioners and Supervisor, and 6 Youth Counselor Supervisors ❖ Mental Health Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An average of 52 youth were provided with mental health therapy services each month • 11 youth were admitted to Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program for long term chemical dependency treatment upon recommendation from YRTC-K. • 82 juveniles were identified as needing substance abuse treatment services. • 74 psychiatric consults completed. • All LMHP's were trained in the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA), a top evidenced based juvenile substance abuse treatment program. They are either certified or in the process of becoming certified A-CRA clinicians, Two therapists have also attained certification as A-CRA supervisors, allowing them to train and certify new clinicians and provide ongoing supervision. ❖ Case Manager's made 3,136 contacts with parents and 3,100 contacts with Juvenile Service Officers, Family Permanency Specialists, and Probation Officers. <p>YRTC-Geneva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ \$118,253.91 used for salaries/benefits for 3 Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHP) ❖ Mental Health Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 Mental Health Appraisals were conducted • 136 youth received therapy services for substance abuse disorder • An average of 35 youth received psychiatric services each month • An average of 37 youth received mental health therapy services each month

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	Total Program 250	\$1,000,000		
	Program 038			
Division of Behavioral Health	Mental Health and Substance Abuse	\$2,599,660	Sec 97 - Behavioral Health providers.	Continued payment of rates to BH providers for treatment and recovery services. Maintained rate increase established in original LB 692. Rates vary by service types. The Department of Behavioral Health and the Regions contract with providers for service and support networks of which there are varying providers, service types and rates.
		\$6,500,000	Sec 97 - to be distributed to Six Regions based on a formula.	Continued services to consumers in communities (non-state hospital based).
		\$1,500,000	Sec. 97 - Emergency protective custody.	Crisis Center/hospitals reimbursed for days of service related to Emergency Protected Custody.
	Total Program 038	\$10,599,660		
	Program 347			
Division of Children & Family Services	Nebraska Lifespan Respite Services Program -- Respite Subsidy	\$810,000	Sec. 103 - Aid in carrying out the NE Lifespan Respite Service payments to caregivers to purchase services.	The Lifespan Respite program continues focusing efforts to increase its utilization. The program currently has 325 individuals with special needs that are utilizing respite services (slight increase from 322 in 2018). In Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1 st , 2018 and June 30, 2019), the Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program served 699 individuals, including cases opened, closed or denied. Out of the 699 individuals served, 64% of those applying for assistance were under 19 years of age. The data for Fiscal Year 2019 showed a slight increase from the number of individuals served in 2018, which was 644 individuals served. (Previous years' data for reference – number of individuals served: 647 in FY 2017, 943 in FY 2016, 750 in FY 2015). The allocation from the legislation was not fully utilized as the number of participants in the program continued to be lower than previous years. Of the \$419,653.11 utilized, \$68,926.31 was for those requesting additional assistance through exceptional circumstances. Clients eligible for other programs providing respite services are referred to those appropriate programs
	Total Program 347	\$810,000		

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Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care	Medical Assistance	\$4,765,896	Sec 104 - Continuation of the behavioral health provider rate increase and behavior health provider rate increase for managed care, inpatient and residential treatment.	Behavioral health provider rates remained steady for SFY19, for SFY20 behavioral health providers will receive a 4% rate increase.
	Smoking Cessation	\$450,000	Sec 104 - State Plan Amendment covering tobacco use cessation in compliance to Title XIX of federal Social Security Act smoking cessation.	Clients receive medication and up to four counseling sessions to support up to two quit attempts per year. For FY 17, an average of 131 beneficiaries utilized 199 counseling sessions per month. An average of 76 prescriptions were filled monthly. Smoking cessation services rendered via common procedural terminology (CPT) codes 99406 and 99407 are reimbursed on a fee schedule. Code 99406- \$14.35- smoking and tobacco use cessation visit; intermediate greater than 3 min. Code 99407-\$24.60 Greater than 10 minutes.
	Total Program 348	\$5,215,896		
	Program 344			
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care	Child Health Insurance	\$6,835,700	Sec 102 - CHIP	Provides health care under the Children's Health Insurance Program.
	Total Program 344	\$6,835,700		
	Program 514			
Division of Public Health	Health Aid	\$200,000	Sec 112 - Poison Control – UNMC	Subaward administered by UNMC.
	Health Aid	\$250,000	Sec. 112 – Cannabidiol Pilot Study	Subaward administered by UNMC.
	Total Program 514	\$450,000		
	Program 424			
Division of Developmental Disabilities	Developmental Disability Act	\$5,000,000	Sec 110 - State Aid/Services to Developmentally Disabled on waiting list.	Continued provision of developmental disability services to participants. In SFY19, the Division was able to fund an additional 173 participant's needs on the comprehensive waiver per funding priorities in Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-1216.
	Total Program 424	\$5,000,000		
	Program 502			
Division of Public Health	Local Public Health	\$5,605,000	Sec 111 - Aid to local public health departments.	Local public health provide the three core functions of public health which include assessment, policy development and assurance and the 10 essential services. 1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems. 2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community. 3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.

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		\$1,349,000	Sec 111 - to be equally distributed among federally qualified health centers in the second congressional district for the purpose of implementing a minority health initiative.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems. 5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts. 6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety. 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. 8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce. 9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services. 10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.
		\$1,526,000	Sec 111 - for minority health services to be distributed to counties having a minority population equal to or exceeding 5% of the total population in the 1 st and 3 rd congressional districts.	<p>Funding is equally distributed to One World Community Health Center and Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha, Nebraska. A few of the Charles Drew Health Center outcomes included 655 adults with Type I or II diabetes reached an A1c level of less than 9%, 199 patients 5-40 years of age with asthma were treated with accepted corticosteroid or alternative medicine, 770 adult patients maintained control of their hypertension, 155 women accessed prenatal care, with 55% initiating care in the first trimester. A few of the One World outcomes included 1,586 prenatal patients were provided services, with 80% accessing care in the first trimester, 1,760 minority patients had their hypertension in control, 1,845 minority patients diagnosed with diabetes achieved an A1c below 9%, 14,244 children received immunizations before their second birthday, 3,613 patients diagnosed with depression and other mood disorders were provided with supports, and 5,941 patients received pediatric dental services.</p> <p>19 organizations were provided funding through the Minority Health Initiative (MHI) program for FY 2017. Projects primarily focused on the priority areas of obesity, cardiovascular, and diabetes. Activities of the projects included 6,920 minorities served across the state, 5,587 referrals to additional services were provided, 647 were linked to a medical home, 6,757 screenings were provided, 1,646 individuals participated in health education, and 630 individuals enrolled into a diabetes prevention, chronic disease self-management or education program. The use of evidence-based strategies used by projects resulted in outcome of the projects included 204 individuals improved their diabetes A1c rates, 395 individuals improved their blood pressure, and 407 individuals lost weight with 156 of those individuals maintaining their weight loss.</p> <p>Funds are used to help provide health care services to the uninsured as Community Health Centers serve all people regardless of ability to pay. In the previous year 43,078 people without insurance were served by the seven Community Health Centers.</p>
	Total Program 502	\$9,230,000		
	Program 571			
Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care	Program 571	\$613,912	LB 793, Sec 14	Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) support. New for FY2019
	Total Program 571	\$613,912		
	Program 623			
	623 Biomedical Research	\$15,000,000	Sec 118 - Biomedical Research	A contract and sub award for biomedical research were awarded to the Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the amount of \$10,247,664; and to the Creighton University. Father

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	Total Program 623	\$15,000,000		Flanagan's Boys Home, Boys Town National research Hospital, and the Creighton University – Boys Town Healthcare Foundation in the amount of \$3,752,336.
	Program 030			
Division of Public Health	Tobacco Prevention	\$2,570,000	Sec 95 - Tobacco Prevention and Control	Funding is used for tobacco prevention, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, addressing tobacco-related health disparities and helping people quit tobacco. Program areas include the Nebraska Tobacco Quit line, an educational media component. Also program surveillance and evaluation, youth prevention efforts, and sub grants to nine areas for tobacco prevention and control work.
	Total Program 030	\$2,570,000		
	Program 354			
Division of Children & Family	Child Welfare Aid	\$2,734,444	Sec 106 - Child welfare	Funds are used to pay for direct services provided to children and families involved in the child welfare system. Providers are contracted to provide direct services to children and families and are reimbursed utilizing these funds. Services include, but are not limited to, out-of-home care; parenting time; transportation; family support; rent; utilities
	Total Program 354	\$2,734,444		
	Program 621			
Division of Public Health	Stem Cell Research	\$450,000	Sec 116 - Stem Cell Research	Five research grants were awarded. One to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for \$110,000; and three to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, each at \$101,850, and one to Creighton University for \$280,000.
	Total Program 621	\$450,000		
Total DHHS		\$61,624,329		
Other Agencies	Attorney General	\$595,807	Sec 38 - Attorney General. Enforcement of tobacco settlement agreement (LB327)	Administered by Attorney General.
	Department of Revenue	\$316,482	Sec 69 - Department of Revenue. Audit and enforce provisions of the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. (LB327)	Administered by the Department of Revenue.
		\$250,000	Sec 76 - Department of Revenue Gambler Assistance (LB327)	
Total Other Agencies		\$1,162,289		

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Undistributed		\$63,382	Note: negative value indicates obligation in excess of statutory transfer	
Grand Total		\$62,786,618	FY19 Statutory Transfer (71-7611 and 77-2602) was \$62,850,000	

