



Department of State Health Services

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Preparedness and Prevention Services

DSHS will protect and promote the public's health by decreasing health threats and sources of disease.

Objective - Improve health status through preparedness and information. To enhance state and local public health systems' resistance to health threats, preparedness for health emergencies, and capacities to reduce health status disparities; and to provide health information for state and local policy decisions.

- **Coordinated Public Health Services.** Coordinate essential public health services through public health regions and affiliated local health departments.
- **Public Health Preparedness.** Plan and implement programs to ensure preparedness and rapid response to bioterrorism, natural epidemics, and other public health and environmental threats and emergencies.
- **Vital Records.** Maintain a system for recording, certifying, and disseminating information on births, deaths, and other vital events in Texas.
- **Special Health Initiatives.** Coordinate activities to improve health conditions on the Texas-Mexico border and to reduce racial, ethnic, and geographic health disparities throughout Texas.
- **Health Registries, Information, and Analysis.** Collect, analyze, and distribute information on health and health care, and operate birth defects, trauma, and cancer registries, poison control network, and environmental investigations.

Objective - Infectious disease control, prevention and treatment. To reduce the occurrence and control the spread of preventable infectious diseases.

- **Immunizations.** Implement programs to immunize children in Texas.
- **HIV/STD and Hepatitis C Prevention.** Implement programs of prevention and intervention including preventive education, case identification and counseling, HIV/STD medication, and linkage to health and social service providers.
- **Tuberculosis, Hansen's Disease and Refugee Health.** Implement programs to prevent, control, and treat TB and Hansen's disease; administer Refugee Health Screening Program.

- **Zoonotic Diseases.** Prevent and control the spread of animal-borne diseases in humans.
- **Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance.** Detect, track, investigate, and develop measures to control outbreaks of infectious diseases.

Objective - Health Promotion, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Specialty Care. To use health promotion for reducing the occurrence of preventable chronic disease and injury, to administer abstinence education programs, and to administer service care programs related to certain chronic health conditions.

- **Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, and Injury Prevention.** Develop and implement community interventions to reduce health risk behaviors that contribute to chronic disease and injury.
- **Abstinence Education.** Increase abstinence education programs in Texas.
- **Kidney Health.** Administer service programs for kidney specialty care.
- **Children with Special Health Care Needs.** Administer service program for children with special health care needs.
- **Epilepsy, Hemophilia, and Alzheimer's.** Administer service programs for epilepsy, hemophilia, and Alzheimer's disease.

Objective - Laboratory Operations. To operate a reference laboratory in support of public health program activities.

- **Laboratory Services.** Provide analytical laboratory services in support of public health program activities, Women's Health Services and the South Texas Health Care Center.

Goal 2: Community Health Services

DSHS will improve the health of children, women, families, and individuals, and enhance the capacity of communities to deliver health care services.

Objective - Provide primary care and nutrition services. To develop and support primary health care and nutrition services to children, women, families, and other qualified individuals through community based providers.

- **WIC and Farmer's Market Nutrition Services.** Administer nutrition services, including benefits, for eligible low income women, infants, and children (WIC) clients, nutrition education, and counseling.
- **Women and Children's Health Services.** Provide easily accessible, quality and community-based maternal and child health services to low income women, infants, children, and adolescents.
- **Family Planning Services.** Provide family planning services for adolescents and women.
- **County Indigent Health Care Services.** Provide support to local governments that provide indigent health care services.
- **Community Primary Care Services.** Develop systems of primary and preventive health care delivery in underserved areas of Texas.

Objective - Provide behavioral health services. To support services for mental health and for substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment.

- **Mental Health Services for Adults.** Assure availability of and access to appropriate services in the community for adults with serious mental illness.
- **Mental Health Services for Children.** Provide supports and services for emotionally disturbed children and their families.
- **NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Waiver.** Provide mental health and substance abuse inpatient and outpatient services using a managed care model for adults and children.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention.** Implement prevention services to reduce the risk of substance use, abuse and dependency.
- **Substance Abuse Intervention.** Implement intervention services to interrupt illegal substance use by youth and adults and reduce harmful use of legal substances by adults.
- **Substance Abuse Treatment.** Implement a continuum of community and family based treatment and related services for chemically dependent persons.
- **Substance Abuse Grants Performance Management.** Optimize performance quality and cost efficiency through the managing and monitoring of contracted services.

- **Tobacco Education and Prevention.** Develop and implement programs of education, prevention, and cessation in the use of tobacco products.

Objective - Community Capacity Building. To develop and enhance capacities for community clinical service providers and regionalized emergency health care systems.

- **EMS & Trauma Care Systems.** Develop and enhance regionalized emergency health care systems.
- **FQHC Infrastructure Grants.** Provide assistance to develop new and expand existing Federally Qualified Health Centers in Texas.
- **Health Care Facility Improvement Grants.** Provide capital improvement grants to small urban hospitals.
- **Indigent Health Care Reimbursement.** Reimburse the provision of indigent health services through the deposit of funds in the State-owned Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Account.

Goal 3: Hospital Facilities Management and Services

DSHS will promote the recovery and abilities of persons with infectious disease and mental illness who require specialized treatment.

Objective - Provide state owned hospital services and facility operations. To provide for the care of persons with infectious disease or mental illness through state owned hospitals.

- **Texas Center for Infectious Diseases.** Provide for more than one level of care of tuberculosis, infectious diseases, and chronic respiratory diseases at Texas Center for Infectious Diseases.
- **South Texas Health Care System.** Provide for more than one level of care of tuberculosis and other services through South Texas Health Care System.
- **Mental Health State Hospitals.** Provide specialized assessment, treatment, and medical services in state mental health facility programs.

Objective - Provide private owned hospital services. To provide for the care of persons with mental illness through privately owned hospitals.

- **Mental Health Community Hospitals.** Provide inpatient treatment, crisis assessment, and medical services to adults and children served in community hospitals.

Goal 4: Consumer Protection Services

DSHS will achieve a maximum level of compliance by the regulated community to protect public health and safety.

Objective - Provide licensing and regulatory compliance. To ensure timely, accurate licensing, certification, and other registrations; to provide standards that uphold safety and consumer protection; and to ensure compliance with standards.

- **Food (Meat) and Drug Safety.** Design and implement programs to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and medical devices.
- **Environmental Health.** Design and implement risk assessment and risk management regulatory programs for consumer products, occupational and environmental health, and community sanitation.
- **Radiation Control.** Design and implement a risk assessment and risk management regulatory program for all sources of radiation.
- **Health Care Professionals.** Implement programs to issue licenses, certifications, and other registrations of health care professionals, and to ensure compliance with standards.
- **Health Care Facilities.** Implement programs to license/certify, monitor compliance, and provide technical assistance to health care facilities.

Goal 5: Indirect Administration

Objective - Indirect administration.

- **Central Administration.**
- **IT Program Support.**
- **Other Support Services.**
- **Regional Administration.**

Goal 6: Capital Items

Objective - Manage capital projects.

- **Laboratory (Austin) Bond Debt.** Service bond debt on reference laboratory.
- **Construction of Health Care Facilities.** Construct and renovate state facilities for the delivery of care.
- **Capital Repair and Renovation-Mental Health Facilities.** Conduct maintenance and construction projects critical to meeting accreditation/certification standards and to ensuring the safety of consumers.