

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

Under the general supervision of the Direction of Health, provides leadership, policy development, planning, and administrative support to best meet the needs of those served by programs and services administered by Health Resources Administration. Implements diverse initiatives and activities that range from protecting the public from outbreaks of infectious diseases to providing support services for our youngest populations. Other notable program components include: prevention of the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and STDs; administration of the medical cannabis registry and medical cannabis dispensary licensing systems; management of the public health nursing program and services; prevention of chronic diseases; management of the emergency medical services system; management of the injury prevention program; and inspection of hospitals and nursing homes. Provides top level oversight of the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division, Communicable Diseases and Public Health Nursing Division, Disease Outbreak Control Division, Family Health Services Division, Office of Health Care Assurance, Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, and the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation. Serves as the Department liaison with public and private agencies.

FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Administers statewide programs to plan, provide and promote quality health services for all the people in Hawaii. Assures that coordinated statewide systems are in place to address the full continuum of care throughout the life course from preconception to adulthood, with particular emphasis on the health and safety needs of vulnerable individuals, children and youth, especially those with special needs. Collects, analyzes and reports state data to monitor health status, address health disparities, and formulate policies and programs. Conducts statewide systems planning and provides prevention services to improve health outcomes. Provides Women, Infants and Children (WIC) education and special supplemental food services support to eligible families statewide.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DIVISION

Provides programs and services that reduce the occurrence, spread, severity, and disabling effects of tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, HIV, and Hansen's Disease infections by adopting preventive measures and by undertaking programs of early detection and effective treatment. Manages the Kalaupapa settlement and provides long-term care to patients with Hansen's Disease. Through its Public Health Nursing Branch, works to improve and to maintain the health of individuals and communities by promoting healthy lifestyles choices, supports public schools and other programs, assists to improve health equity through access to health care services, and provides support for public health emergencies.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEMS BRANCH

Expands and enhances the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System in order to minimize death, injury and disability due to life threatening conditions by assuring the availability of quality emergency medical care and injury prevention Statewide. Plans, develops and evaluates the statewide trauma system including the capacity to assist public and private agencies to ensure a coordinated health response to disaster situations. Also responsible for disaster preparedness response of prehospital medical services.

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DISEASE OUTBREAK CONTROL DIVISION

Prevent and control infectious diseases in Hawaii with the exception of Hansen's disease, tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS. Ensures situational awareness as well as public health preparedness through disease surveillance, key public health interventions such as immunizations, and public health response planning and capability building. Integrates these responsibilities with the necessary response activities such as outbreak investigations and emergency response to safeguard the public's health. Responsible for the uniform application of policies, procedures, and practices as they relate to the control and prevention of infectious diseases, emerging disease threats, and potential acts of terrorism as well as all hazards that threaten the public's health throughout the state.

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION DIVISION

Oversees and coordinates statewide chronic disease prevention and health promotion programs to reduce risks for chronic disease through policies, systems, and environmental changes and linkages between public health population-based prevention strategies and improved preventive health services in clinical practice. Uses comprehensive approaches which integrate strategies to support healthy lifestyles based on good nutrition, regular physical activity, freedom from tobacco use and improving the quality and years of life for those living with chronic disease. Oversees programs for chronic disease prevention, management, surveillance, and evaluation. Administers the distribution of the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund (TSSF) per Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 328L-2, implements the Department's health promotion strategies with the TSSF allocation per Chapter 328L-4, and manages the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund per Chapter 328L-5, HRS.

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ASSURANCE

Conducts all regulatory activities related to the State licensing and Federal certification inspections of medical and health care facilities, agencies, and services provided throughout the State in order to ensure acceptable standards of care are provided and to ensure compliance with State and Federal requirements.

OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS CONTROL AND REGULATION

Implements and administers the medical cannabis dispensary and patient registry systems pursuant to Chapters 329 and 329D, HRS, to ensure the accessibility of cannabis for medical use, and patient safety, product safety, and public safety.