



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Make Michigan's People Healthier and Our Families Stronger

In order for Michigan to be a great place to live and work, we must improve the health of our citizens and strengthen our families. The Governor's recommended budget for fiscal year 2006 proposes Health and Human Services spending of \$14.5 billion of which \$3.9 billion is general fund. 140 activities in 10 departments support this goal.

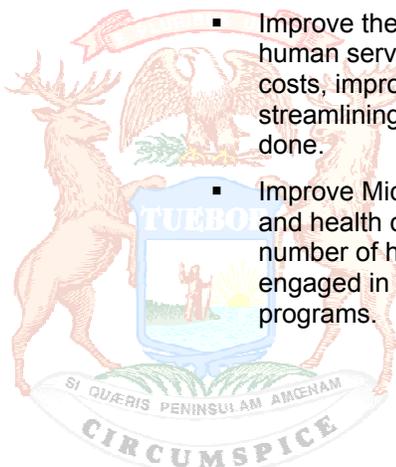
Access to quality health care for all Michigan residents is a priority goal of our state government. We will do whatever we can to expand access to health care – from helping seniors pay the high cost of prescription drugs to finding new ways to provide health insurance to Michigan's children. State government will inspire Michigianians to live healthy lives and strive to remove any barrier – whether it is cost, lack of information, or bureaucratic mismanagement – that prevent them from achieving that goal.

Strategies to Achieve Goal

- Increase the number of insured children and preserve existing health coverage for adults.
- Provide medical, mental health, substance abuse and long-term care services to low-income children, families, the elderly, veterans and the disabled.
- Reduce the number of children living in poverty.
- Reduce the number of children in the child welfare system.
- Prolong life and protect the public health by promoting the State Surgeon General's "Prescription for a Healthier Michigan" to reduce obesity and prevent teen smoking.
- Ensure that Michigan's vulnerable citizens have access to prevention and early intervention services.
- Improve the delivery of health and human services by lowering overall costs, improving technology and streamlining the way work gets done.
- Improve Michigan's patient safety and health care by increasing the number of health care providers engaged in quality improvement programs.

Indicators of Success

- Fewer children living in poverty
- Fewer children placed in out-of-home care
- Increased percentage of children with health coverage
- Reduced cigarette usage among youth and adults
- Improved health indicators for Michigan residents
- Lower infant mortality rates
- Improved access to quality health care



Commitments to Build Healthy Families

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Expand Affordable Healthcare

The Michigan Department of Community Health will implement an organized approach to addressing the issue of access to affordable health insurance. Michigan has secured a HRSA State Planning Grant to initiate this project. This initiative will allow Michigan to understand the scope of the problem and develop a statewide framework to explore community-based public/private partnerships with the intent of selecting several of the most promising options for implementation during the year immediately following production of the final report to the Governor.

Mi-Rx

Today, more than 25,000 Michigan citizens are benefiting from a new state program that reduces the cost of prescription drugs. All residents currently without prescription coverage who qualify would be able to use their discount prescription card at more than 2,300 pharmacies statewide. This program saves working families, seniors and other Michiganians as much as 20 percent on the cost of their prescription drugs.

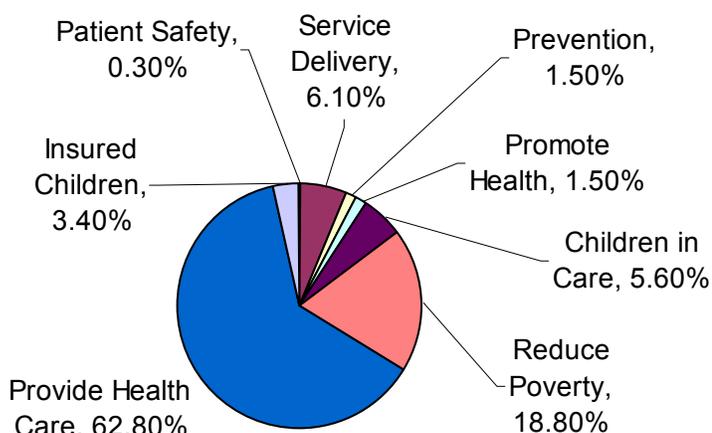
Long-Term Care

The Long Term Care initiative is comprised of several sub-initiatives, whose goal is to improve Long Term Care services. Included in this effort is the establishment of Governors Long Term Care Task Force as well as the Elder abuse Task Force. Ultimately this will enhance elder care and extend the time that elderly citizens can stay in their homes.

Early Childhood Incentive Corporation (ECIC)

ECIC is a new non-profit corporation that will coordinate state and local efforts to promote early childhood development. Specifically, ECIC will establish standards and guidelines for early childhood development activities that will be implemented throughout the state by the ECIC in partnership with local intermediate school districts (ISDs). This initiative will make Michigan a national leader in early childhood issues. This special purpose intergovernmental entity is focused on early childhood issues and will work to break down silos and improve the efficiency of state programs.

Health and Human Services Spending



Total: \$14.5 Billion

Prescription for a Healthier Michigan: Michigan Steps Up

Over the last decade, Michigan has experienced unnecessary increases in infectious and chronic diseases driven largely by unhealthy lifestyles. To address these issues, the Surgeon General issued a Prescription for Michigan's Health, identifying key initiatives to reverse these trends. These activities include leadership in the following areas: obesity and physical inactivity; smoking, especially teen smoking; lead poisoning of children; prevention of unintended pregnancy; infant mortality; and reduction of disparities in minority health status.

