

Affordable Care Act and Public Health in Minnesota

In Minnesota, current Obamacare or Affordable Care Act-related funding for public health is nearly \$25 million annually, with the Minnesota Department of Health receiving more than \$100 million during the last five years. Minnesota also receives billions of dollars annually for insurance coverage.

These public health funds have supported:

- Rural hospital improvements
- Maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting
- Teen pregnancy prevention
- Childhood lead poisoning prevention
- Disease laboratory testing
- Immunization programs
- Diabetes and tobacco prevention
- Preventing the leading causes of sickness and death like obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke in over a dozen rural counties
- Highly specialized laboratory tests
- Tracking the spread of dangerous diseases
- Training city and county public health staff
- Promoting mental health
- Advising Tribal Nations
- Managing vaccines supplies

**MDH TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 ACA GRANT DOLLARS:
\$24,847,000**



What is the Prevention and Public Health Fund?

As part of the ACA, in 2010, Congress passed \$1 billion per year in *mandatory* appropriations for the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF). The PPHF was a permanent, dedicated federal account to augment public health support for states and local communities. Congress now uses these dollars, which would go away with the repeal of the ACA, to fund core public health functions in Minnesota.



Potential Public Health Impacts of ACA Repeal

- Slower identification of infectious disease outbreaks
- Loss of a reliable public health funding source from the federal government
- Lack of adequate equipment for the public health laboratory
- Weakened public health system
- Less health protection for Minnesotans



Minnesota Prevention and Public Health Fund Awards

CDC GRANT OPPORTUNITY	AMOUNT
Childhood lead poisoning prevention	\$385,000
Epidemiology and laboratory capacity	\$2,411,000
Diabetes prevention	\$3,520,000
Immunization - Vaccines for Children program	\$972,000
Immunization - surveillance, data systems and follow up	\$300,000
Nutrition, physical education and obesity prevention	\$1,390,000
Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) block grant	\$3,933,000
Tobacco use prevention	\$270,000
TOTAL	\$13,181,000

Other Fiscal Year 2016 ACA Grant Opportunities

OTHER ACA-AUTHORIZED FUNDING AT MDH FOR FEDERAL FY 2016	AMOUNT
Development of a MN Data Center	\$281,000
Expectant Teens and Families	\$1,123,000
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting	\$8,097,000
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment	\$94,000
Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)	\$637,000
Small Rural Hospital Improvement	\$1,434,000
TOTAL	\$11,666,000

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