

# Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Center for Health and Environmental Information Line Item Description

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# (2) Center for Health and Environmental Information

# (A) Administration and Support, Program Costs

The Division Administrative Cost Pool provides resources to support the Division's financial, contracting, grant management, and operations activities and to ensure that these functions comply with state and federal laws. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### (B) Health Statistics and Vital Records

The Health Statistics and Vital Records section maintains birth, death, marriage, divorce and other vital records, as well as administering the Voluntary Adoption Registry. It provides training and education on vital records, rules, regulations and statutes to individuals and local agencies. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

# (C) Medical Marijuana Registry

The Medical Marijuana Registry issues medical marijuana cards to people who meet the requirements specified in the constitution as evaluated by a licensed physician. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### Appropriation to the Health Research Subaccount of the Medical Marijuana Program Cash Fund

The Health Research Subaccount of the Medical Marijuana Program Cash Fund was created by SB 14-155 "Concerning Grant Funding for Medical Marijuana Health Effects Studies". Per the legislation, this subaccount was established to support funding for medical marijuana health research. The FY 2018-19 Long bill provided an additional one-time infusion of \$3 million of Marijuana Tax Cash funding to support additional research. SB 18-271 "Concerning Changes to Improve Funding for Marijuana Research" extended the subaccount through June 2023. The one-time transfer is reflected in the budget schedules, but the subaccount is continuously appropriated, so the actual expenditures from the subaccount are not reflected in the budget schedules.

# (D) Health Data Programs and Information

#### **Health Data Programs and Information**

Cancer Registry

The Colorado Central Cancer Registry is the State's population-based, state-wide cancer surveillance program. Its goal is to reduce death and illness due to cancer by providing data on incidence, treatment, survival, and mortality. This section was moved from the Prevention Services Division in the FY 2015-16 Long Bill to better align programmatic activities. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Birth Defects Monitoring and Prevention Program

The Birth Defects Monitoring and Prevention appropriation provides funding to ensure that children with birth defects are identified and served. The Program links data reported from multiple sources, including hospitals, laboratories, specialty clinics, doctors, and birth certificates. The Program collects information on birth defects, premature births, and low birth weight, which are the leading causes of infant mortality in Colorado. Birth defects monitoring and evaluation is essential to understanding the occurrence and cause of birth defects, identifying any unusual clusters of anomalies, planning for community services and supports, and evaluating the effectiveness of prevention programs. Children are also identified for referral to local community services that can assist with the prevention of secondary disabilities. This section was moved from the Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division in the FY 2015-16 Long Bill to better align programmatic activities. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

## Health Information Exchange

This line item provides funding to develop and implement systems at the Department that will enable the sharing of important public health information. Access to Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems (not individual records) by local and state public health agencies will greatly increase the ability for public health to monitor disease, disabilities, and injuries. This line item was funded through FY 2017-18. The Department submitted FY 2018-19 R-07 "Health Information Exchange" to extend funding for an additional 3 years. The request was approved and funding will end in June 2021.

#### Electronic Health Records for Local Public Health Agencies

This line item funds implementation of a fully-integrated Electronic Health Records (EHR) system across local public health agencies. The project allows local public health agencies to create electronic health records systems and integrate those systems with a health information exchange so that public health data can be shared with state, local, and federal agencies for public health purposes. The project was anticipated to take five years to complete and was funded through FY 2018-19. FY 2019-20 R-4 Local Public Health Electronic Medical Records, extended funding through FY 2019-20 to continue developing the system and evaluate future funding models.

# (E) Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect cost lines at the division level are used to collect funding to pay for centralized department functions such as leased space, utilities, information technology services, accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing and contracts. Indirect cost lines are included in each division budget and are based on the proportion of each division's actual expenditures.



# Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Laboratory Services Division Line Item Descriptions

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#### (3) Laboratory Services

#### Director's Office

The Director's Office advises the Department's health and environmental programs and outside clients on laboratory related issues. The Office also provides managerial, fiscal, and administrative support for the Laboratory Services Division. The Director's Office line item is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

## Chemistry and Microbiology

This section conducts tests and provides analysis and advice for the Department's health and environmental programs and for outside clients. Its activities include analysis of blood, tissue, urine, and bodily fluid specimens, epidemiological testing for bacterial diseases, analysis for disease outbreaks, newborn screening, water testing, and environmental testing. This section has separate personal services and operating line items in the Long Bill.

#### Certification

This section certifies private medical laboratories, environmental laboratories (including water testing laboratories), dairy on-site laboratories, marijuana testing laboratories, DUI testing laboratories, and law enforcement breath alcohol-testing devices throughout the state. As a result of FY 2017-18 BA-02 (Marijuana Reference Lab) this section includes a marijuana state reference laboratory serving as an independent program to provide technical guidance in the area of scientific and laboratory analysis for marijuana and related products. The Certification line item is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect cost line items at the divisional level are used to collect funding to pay for centralized departmental functions such as leased space, utilities, information technology services, accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing and contracts. Indirect cost lines are included in each division's budget, and indirect costs are assessed on the basis of each division's actual expenditures.



# Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Air Pollution Control Division Line Item Descriptions

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#### 4) Air Pollution Control Division

This Division is responsible for identifying the nature and impact of Colorado's air pollution, and for implementing measures to prevent, control, and abate air pollution, under the direction of the Air Quality Control Commission.

#### (A) Administration

This section provides administrative support to the Air Quality Control Commission and manages the operations of the Division and the implementation of air programs.

SB 19-096 requires the Air Quality Control Commission in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to promulgate rules requiring greenhouse gas-emitting entities to monitor and publicly report their emissions. HB19-1261 requires the Air Quality Control Commission to adopt rules and regulations for statewide greenhouse gas pollution reduction. Both bills added the responsibilities to support the promulgation of the rules and other related activities to the Division.

This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Indirect Cost Assessment

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## **(B)** Technical Services

This section includes programs which measure air quality across Colorado in order to determine compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and issue air quality forecasts and advisories. The State must meet federal monitoring regulations for data to be considered acceptable for use in State Implementation Plans, area re-designations, permit compliance, and other activities. Additionally, this section is responsible for providing technical support for the State Implementation Plans and the State's stationary source permitting program. The section is also responsible for emission inventory development and air quality modeling that serves as the basis for evaluating the effectiveness of various pollution control strategies and demonstrating that strategies adopted by the State will be sufficient to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. In FY 2015-16, a mobile air quality monitoring unit was added in response to a recommendation from the Governor's Oil and Gas Task Force. The unit is used to monitor ambient air quality and to help determine potential sources of emissions related to oil and gas development in order to address community health concerns. The unit may also be used in other situations including emergency response, enforcement, hot-spot identification and fence

line monitoring. Finally, this section is responsible for the Class I Area Program (national parks and wilderness areas) and the urban visibility program. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### Local Contracts

This line funds contracts with local governments and other entities to conduct air quality monitoring activities on behalf of the Technical Services Section, including the operation and maintenance of air quality monitors for a variety of gaseous and particulate pollutants.

#### (C) Mobile Sources

The Mobile Sources Section (MSS) implements, monitors and maintains emissions control programs for mobile sources of air pollution, such as cars, and investigates new reduction strategies for mobile source emissions. Mobile sources and related emissions contribute a significant portion of the overall air emissions in Colorado.

MMS program staff oversee the gasoline vehicle inspection and maintenance program (AIR Program), which operates in the nine county metro area. In support of its oversight role, MSS operates six centers that provide technical assistance to owners of vehicles that have failed their emissions test, conducts training and outreach activities for vehicle repair shops, and conducts investigatory studies to test the effectiveness of current vehicle emission control strategies.

In addition to the AIR Program, the MSS oversees the following programs: 1) the Diesel Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance Program; 2) the Diesel Fleet Self-Certification Program; 3) the Summertime Reid Vapor Pressure Program (fuel sampling program); and 4) the Colorado Clean Diesel Retrofit Program. Finally, MSS conducts advanced vehicle testing research that helps to evaluate program effectiveness and investigate possible new reduction strategies. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### Diesel Inspection/Maintenance Program

This program line provides for all aspects of the diesel program, including inspector certification and training, data collection, fleet self-certification, and technical assistance. Diesel self-certification is a program available to commercial operations with diesel fleets of nine or more vehicles.

Mechanic Certification Program

This line item funds the development of course curricula and training materials, and includes the training and certification of instructors. These materials and curricula are used in connection with the certification of both independent emissions inspectors who can test model year 1981 and older vehicles, and fleet mechanics who are authorized by statute to conduct emissions inspections on their fleet vehicles.

#### Local Grants

This line supports the development and implementation of the inspection and maintenance program and research on issues pertaining to air quality attainment strategies.

#### (D) Stationary Sources

This section is responsible for controlling and reducing air pollutants from stationary sources such as industrial operations. The Stationary Sources subdivision contains three programs: Inventory and Support Services, Permits and Compliance Assurance, and Hazardous and Toxic Control. The Inventory and Support Services program is responsible for developing an inventory of pollution emissions from stationary sources. It is responsible for regulation development and maintenance, small business assistance and permit fee invoicing.

Additionally, this section informs industry, through the permitting process, of which regulations apply to them; helps small businesses understand complex rules; and encourages compliance with air quality regulations by conducting periodic inspections of air pollutant sources.

The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 created a new and expanded program to control hazardous air pollutants. The same federal amendments required the control of ozone depleting compounds. The State's program develops standards for hazardous air pollutants, trains and certifies asbestos technicians, and controls chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

SB 19-236 "Sunset Public Utilities Commission" requires the Air Pollution Control Division to participate in measuring the utility's carbon dioxide emission reductions and to estimate whether the plan will achieve the emissions reductions set in the bill. Resources were added to the Stationary Sources Program to carry out related activities.

# Local Contracts

This line funds contracts with local governments and other entities to conduct stationary source, asbestos and CFC inspections, respond to complaints, and issue open burning permits on behalf of the Stationary Sources program.

# Preservation of the Ozone Layer

The purpose of this program line is to reduce emissions of ozone depleting compounds, chlorofluorocarbons and hydro-fluorocarbons, by regulating the practices and procedures employed by the air conditioning and refrigeration service facilities in both automotive and stationary source industries



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Water Quality Control Division Line Item Descriptions

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#### (5) Water Quality Control Division

This division is responsible for maintaining the quality of the State's water resources so they are safe to drink, support a diversity and abundance of aquatic life, and are suitable for recreation, irrigation, and commercial use. The Division manages the State's administration of water pollution prevention, abatement, and control. The Division has programs designed to prevent water pollution; protect, restore, and enhance the quality of surface and groundwater, and assure safe drinking water is provided from all public water systems.

#### (A) Administration

This line item funds the administration expenses of the Clean Water and Drinking Water Programs as part of the divisional indirect cost plan. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### (B) Clean Water Sectors

The six Clean Water Sectors were established in the FY 2015-16 Long Bill. Under these sectors, the Clean Water Program issues discharge permits, monitors compliance with permits, conducts inspections, develops water quality standards, provides technical assistance, issues certifications, and as necessary, pursues enforcement actions for the permitting and compliance assurance program for the six industry sectors.

#### Commerce and Industry Sector

This line item funds the Clean Water Program's work for permit and compliance obligations associated with commercial and industrial operations resulting in a permitted discharge to waters of the State. The Commerce and Industry Sector includes primarily private business enterprises with operations in areas such as mining, oil and gas extraction, electrical power generation, food processing, automobile salvage and timber harvesting. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Construction Sector

This line item funds the Clean Water Program's work for permit and compliance obligations associated with construction project owners and operators whose activities are subject to the Colorado Water Quality Control Act. The Construction Sector includes home builders, transportation and utility project owners and contractors, and industries such as oil and gas operators who need to construct access roads and utilities as part of their business enterprise. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Sector

This line item funds the Clean Water Program's work for permit and compliance obligations associated with municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) resulting in a permitted discharge to waters of the State. The MS4s Sector includes a conveyance or system of conveyances that is owned by a city, town, village, or other public entity that discharges to waters of the State, and is designed to collect or convey stormwater. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Pesticides Sector

This line item funds the Clean Water Program's work for permit and compliance obligations associated with pesticide applications, including those with control over a decision to perform pesticide application, and those who perform the applications. The Pesticides Sector includes state agencies, municipalities, special districts and private enterprises such as irrigation companies and commercial pesticide applicators. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Public and Private Utilities Sector

This line item funds the Clean Water Program's work for permit and compliance obligations associated with operation of domestic waste water treatment works, water treatment facilities, reclaimed water systems and industrial operations that discharge to a domestic wastewater treatment works. The Public and Private Utilities Sector includes municipalities and special districts as well as public and private entities providing wastewater services to support public or commercial operations such as highway rest areas, private housing and recreation. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Water Quality Certification Sector

This line item funds the certifications which assess impacts to water quality from various types of federally permitted actions related to water supply, distribution and other construction projects that may require mitigation and post-construction monitoring. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### (C) Clean Water Program

The Clean Water Program is established under the Federal Clean Water Act; it establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of Colorado and regulating quality standards for surface waters.

#### Clean Water Program Costs

This line provides for clean water program activities which are not specific to one of the six clean water sectors. These activities include items such as payment to the State Laboratory for testing of water samples and the Biosolids Program which is not specific to a single sector. The Biosolids Program establishes requirements for the beneficial use of domestic wastewater treatment plant sludge. HB19-1279 "Regulation of FireFighting Foam" added a general fund appropriation to this line to conduct a survey of fire departments about issues related to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and to generate a report every three years. The funding will be annualized out for 2020-21 and 2021-22 and restored for 2022-23.

#### Local Grants and Contracts

This line provides grants and contracts for the Division's Non-point Source (NPS) Program. The NPS Program provides funds to promote the development and implementation of projects to restore impaired water quality or protect water quality, and watershed-based plans which result in improved and protected water quality. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# Water Quality Improvement

The Water Quality Improvement Fund provides grants for water quality improvement projects, stormwater management training and best practices training to prevent or reduce the pollution of state waters. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# (D) Drinking Water Program

The Drinking Water Program is established under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The Program implements measures to provide safe drinking water by public water systems throughout the State. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

## (E) Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect cost lines at the division level are used to collect funding to pay for centralized department functions such as leased space, utilities, information technology services, accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing and contracts. Indirect cost lines are included in each division budget and are based on the proportion of each Division's actual expenditures.



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division Line Item Descriptions

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#### (6) Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division

The Division is responsible for the development and implementation of the State's hazardous and non-hazardous waste management and remediation programs. It operates the Hazardous Waste Control Program, Solid Waste Program, the Contaminated Sites Cleanups and Remediation Program and the Radiation Management Program, and is responsible for administration and oversight of a number of contaminated sites throughout the State.

#### (A) Administration

Program costs

This program costs line provides division-wide administrative and management support services.

# Legal Services

The legal Services line appropriated funding for legal services provided by the Department of Law specifically for the Division. FY 2017-18 R-05 consolidated this line with the Legal Services line in the Administration Division. These activities are now part of the Department's indirect cost pool. The change was made to ensure that legal services costs were handled consistently across the Department.

#### Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect cost lines at the division level are used to collect funding to pay for centralized department functions such as leased space, utilities, information technology services, accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing and contracts. Indirect cost lines are included in each Division's budget and are based on the proportion of each Division's actual expenditures.

#### (B) Hazardous Waste Control Program

This program is responsible for four primary program activities: permitting, compliance assurance, corrective action, and compliance assistance. This program monitors compliance and enforces hazardous waste regulation of approximately 120 large-quantity hazardous waste generators, 650 small quantity hazardous waste generators, hazardous waste transporters, over 3,000 very small quantity hazardous waste generators, about 100 hazardous waste transporters and over 50 hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### (C) Solid Waste Control Program

This program is responsible for the regulation of all solid waste management facilities in Colorado including landfills, composting facilities, recycling facilities, transfer facilities, certain types of waste surface impoundments, asbestos waste facilities, solid waste incinerators, medical waste facilities, scrap tire haulers and disposal facilities. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill

#### (D) Contaminated site cleanups and remediation programs

The Contaminated Site Cleanups Program includes administration and oversight of cleanup at Superfund sites; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability (CERCLA) costs at the Department of Law, the Natural Resources Damages Recovery Program, the Voluntary Cleanup program and the Hazardous Substance Response Fund. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### Contaminated Sites Operations and Maintenance

This program funds the long-term operation and maintenance at Superfund sites. The State assumes responsibility for sites upon completion of remedies in cases where there is no responsible party that can assume the costs.

# Brownfields Cleanup Program

This line item funds the Brownfields Cleanup Program created in H.B. 00-1306 (Brownfields Redevelopment Incentives.) The Program funds the remediation of contaminated sites which pose a public health or environmental risk to the area and that would not otherwise be remediated. Funds are primarily granted to local governments for site contamination elimination and redevelopment to a point where the site can produce public amenities or income. Prior projects have cleaned polluted streams, prevented mine waste from contaminating streams, and enabled the development of public parks and expansion of public facilities on previously contaminated land. This activity was previously funded through the capital construction budget. Senate Joint Resolution 14-039 classified grant programs as operating programs. JBC staff created this new line in the FY 2015-16 Long Bill.

#### Transfer to the Department of Law for CERCLA-Related Costs

This line item provides funding to the Department of Law for the Department of Law's oversight of contracts for contaminated sites cleanup under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Program

The purpose of this program is to assure the proper cleanup of uranium mill sites that are under the primary responsibility of the United States Department of Energy. In addition, the State has the lead role in assisting local governments in the management of tailings that were not cleaned up under the UMTRA program, either because they were not detected, or because the contamination is located in areas where significant risk is not encountered until future development and repair activities are performed.

#### Rocky Flats Program

This activity is federally-funded to pay for oversight for monitoring and environmental compliance at Rocky Flats.

## Rocky Flats Legal Services for 275 hours

This appropriation provided authority for the expenditure of federal funds for legal activity associated with the Rocky Flats site. FY 2017-18 R-05 consolidated this line with the Legal Services line in the Administration Division. These activities are now part of the Department's indirect cost pool. The change was made to ensure that legal services costs were handled consistently across the Department.

#### (E) Radiation Management

This program provides regulatory services for radioactive materials through review of license applications and inspections; contract services with local public health agencies for indoor radon testing, prevention, and education; and monitoring of low-level radioactive waste producers by ensuring proper and economically sound disposal. H.B. 16-1141 established the Low Income Radiation Assistance program designed to assist low income homeowners with testing and financial assistance for the installation of radon mitigation systems by approved contractors selected by the division. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### (F) Waste Tire Program

Waste Tire Administration, Cleanup, and Enforcement Program

The purpose of this program is to assist in the cleanup of illegal waste tire sites and community clean-up events for the collection of waste tires and to assist state and local agencies to purchase equipment and supplies related to waste tire fires, conduct or attend waste tire-related training and for law enforcement activities related to proper waste tire management. Prior to the reorganization of the Waste Tire Program, these local assistance activities were in the Law Enforcement and Waste Tire Fire Protection Line. This line was previously called the Waste Tire Cleanup Program, but was renamed in HB 14-1352 "Management of Waste Tires".

#### Waste Tire Rebates

The purpose of this fund is to provide incentives to processors and end users of Colorado waste tires that allow new and existing waste tire recycling technologies to become economically feasible and to thereby encourage the use of waste tires and reduce the storage of waste tires in Colorado. This program repealed in January 2018 and was reinstated in SB 19-198, "Continued Management of Waste Tires".



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability Line Item Descriptions

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## (7) Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability

This division is responsible for providing services that assure safe restaurants, schools, and child care facilities; assures the safety of food from production to consumption; maintains acceptable conditions in state correctional and tanning facilities; protects land, water and air quality resources affected by the agricultural animal feeding industry; and protects and improves Colorado's environment through programs that conserve and reuse resources, prevent pollution, and advance the principles of sustainable development.

#### Administration and Support

This line item was created as a result of the implementation of a divisional indirect cost plan and will fund the personnel and operating expenses for administration of the Division's programs. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# Environmental Health Programs

The goals of this line item are to ensure food in Colorado is safe, wholesome, and free of contaminants and pathogens which could cause food-borne illnesses. This includes regulatory oversight of food from the manufacturer to the retail operation and all aspects of dairy manufacturing, from farm to table. The section also inspects or oversees schools, daycare centers, artificial tanning operations, and correctional facilities to ensure proper sanitation. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# Sustainability Programs

The goals of these programs are to reduce waste and pollution in the environment by conserving natural resources in State Government operations and recognizing businesses that go above and beyond environmental requirements. Individual programs include the Environmental Leadership which recognizes businesses that go above and beyond environmental regulations, SARA Chemical Reporting which tracks the use and storage of hazardous chemicals in the state, Greening Government, which works to increase the conservation of energy and water and save the state money on utilities, and Supplemental Environmental Projects that work to use penalty dollars from environmental enforcement actions to improve environmental and public health conditions in communities that were adversely impacted. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Animal Feeding Operations Program

This program administers state-only air quality and federally delegated water quality protection regulations specific to animal feeding operations. Program functions include permitting, conducting site inspections, developing and implementing policies and regulations, providing technical assistance and initiating enforcement actions. This program also addresses citizen complaints and serves as a

single point of contact for the Department on issues that interface with agriculture and environmental concerns. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Program

The Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity program makes grants available to for-profit and non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, schools and universities. The grants are intended to fund projects for recycling, beneficial use, and reuse; public private partnerships that promote waste diversion, recycling, recycling markets, and the beneficial use of discarded materials; developing or expanding local economic infrastructure for the sustainable use of discarded materials; providing local incentives to develop or expand markets for recycled products; educational programs; and improve waste management plans by local governments. All grants must directly benefit the State of Colorado. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# Household Medication Take-Back Program

This line supports the development, implementation and on-going expenditures of the Division's efforts to establish collection sites for unused household medications and to dispose of them in a manner that is environmentally safe.

#### Cottage Foods Program

This line supports the goals of ensuring food produced by Colorado's cottage food industry is meeting the statutory requirements that include labeling, point of sale and training.

#### Indirect Cost Assessments

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# Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Line Item Descriptions

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#### (A) Administration, General Disease Control and Surveillance

#### Program Costs

This section provides division oversight, communications and policy development; represents the division both internally and externally; and manages funding and grant issues, accounting, purchasing and contracts. The section also includes Communicable Disease Epidemiology, which includes the Integrated Disease Reporting Program, which protects the health and well-being of Coloradans by addressing disease prevention and control, specifically in those areas not served by the Special Purpose Disease Control Program. This section has combined personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### *Immunization*

The Colorado Immunization Branch (CIB) works to reduce vaccine-preventable disease through the development of strategies and implementation of programs designed to positively influence the uptake of immunizations across the lifespan of Colorado citizens. The Program utilizes a variety of strategies and activities to promote immunization education, optimize vaccine resources, assure access to vaccines, manage the Vaccines for Children program in Colorado and maintain the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS), a confidential, population-based, computerized information system that collects and disseminates consolidated immunization information for all Coloradans. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

# Appropriation from the Tobacco Tax Cash Fund to the General Fund

This appropriation shows the transfer of funding from the Tobacco Cash Fund (Amendment 35) to the General Fund as Reappropriated funds. These funds are intended for use by small local public health agencies for immunization services. The funds are appropriated and expended as General Fund exempt in the immunization operating line above. The request and appropriation for this line is calculated based on revenue projections for the Amendment 35 dollars.

#### Federal Grants

This line item includes federal grants that have not been incorporated into other programmatic lines or do not fit elsewhere in the budget. Grants in this line span all programmatic areas of the Division. Most notably, this line contains funding for the Emerging Infections Program Grant.

#### Indirect Cost Assessments

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#### (B) Special Purpose Disease Control Programs

#### Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV & AIDS Branch

This branch monitors sexually transmitted infections (STI), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The Program receives a large portion of its funding from federal grants, which are used to ensure quality and medically accurate prevention, treatment, and surveillance activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, providing test results, follow-up, counseling, referrals, partner notification, and case management services.

This section also provides public information, identifies and implements population-level health interventions, and maintains an STI/HIV Registry. In addition to the federal funding mentioned above, this section also receives a portion of the State's Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funding and supplemental rebate funding. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

# Ryan White Act

This section administers the funding the State receives through the federal Ryan White Care Act. This program funds primary care and support services for individuals living with AIDS or HIV who don't have the means to pay for their care. Among the services provided are primary care, dental care, mental health care, substance abuse counseling, transportation, hospice care, emergency room services, and nutrition assistance. Beginning with the grant cycle that started in April of 2019, the program has a match requirement in addition to the longstanding maintenance of effort requirement that mandates the State to maintain the prior level of funding for the Program. The match requirement is approximately \$2.6 million. The requirement to provide a match is based on the burden of AIDS or HIV disease in Colorado's population. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

#### Tuberculosis Control and Treatment

The Tuberculosis Control and Treatment line item provides funding to administer a statewide tuberculosis program that focuses on education, consultation, surveillance, prevention, and treatment. The Program makes it possible for the State to provide funding to

counties for the treatment of patients that are diagnosed with tuberculosis. This section has separate personal services and operating lines in the Long Bill.

# (C) Environmental Epidemiology

#### Marijuana Health Effects Monitoring

This line item was created by SB 13-283 "Implementation of Amendment 64". Per the legislation, this program researches and analyzes the health impacts of marijuana usage and provides education to the public on those impacts.

#### Oil and Gas Health Activities

This line item was created by FY 2015-16 BA-04 "CDPHE Oil and Gas Taskforce Recommendations." The request allocated funding to the Environmental Epidemiology branch to administer an Oil and Gas Health Response program. This includes a statewide call line staffed by health professionals to help address oil and gas related health concerns from citizens. In addition, this includes resources to develop and maintain health information resources related to oil and gas exposures and disseminate these resources via electronic and other means.

## Environmental Epidemiology Federal Grants

This line item includes federal grants that do not fit elsewhere in the budget. Most notably, this line item contains funding for the Occupational Health Surveillance, Environmental Public Health Tracking and Lead Exposure programs.



# Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Prevention Services Division Line Item Descriptions

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#### (9) Prevention Services Division

#### (A) Administration

The administration section provides overall support for the Department's prevention programs, including grant compliance monitoring, fiscal oversight, division communication plans, contract management and central division management. This section also provides staff and funding for the administration of several federal grant programs.

#### Administration

This line item funds the salaries of the staff responsible for general oversight of the prevention programs within this division. This includes grant compliance monitoring, fiscal oversight, communications plans, contract management, and central division management and oversight. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect cost lines at the division level are used to collect funding to pay for centralized department functions such as leased space, utilities, information technology services, accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing and contracts as well as all division specific administrative overhead expenses. Indirect cost lines are included in each division budget and are based on the proportion of each division's actual expenditures.

# (B) Chronic Disease Prevention Programs

The Chronic Disease Prevention Programs work to improve the health of Coloradans by preventing, reducing and managing chronic disease.

#### Transfer to the Health Disparities Grant Program Fund

This line transfers Amendment 35 tobacco tax funding to the Health Disparities Grant Program which provides grants to projects aimed at eliminating racial, gender and ethnic disparities that occur across sections of Colorado.

#### Chronic Disease and Cancer Prevention Grants

This section focuses on the treatment and prevention of the most common problems afflicting Colorado residents: cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, asthma, obesity, and tobacco use. The section also provides funding to promote healthy lifestyles for all Coloradans. This section is funded primarily through grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For the 2018-19 Long Bill the JBC added \$200,000 in General Fund to create the *Food Incentive Program*. The Food Incentive Program funds are used to improve access to Colorado grown fresh fruits and vegetables for low-income individuals. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

The purpose of this program is to provide breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services for low income women. Funding is from the Amendment 35 tobacco tax. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, and Chronic Pulmonary Disease Program Administration

This appropriation supports the Department's administration of the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, and Chronic Pulmonary Disease Program. Administrative duties include writing and issuing funding solicitations from potential grantees, scoring and selecting potential grant recipients, issuing award notices and grant contracts, overseeing grantee expenditures and activities, ensuring compliance with State statutes, and monitoring program delivery to assure effective use of funds and community impacts. Funding comes from Amendment 35 tobacco tax revenues. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Chronic Pulmonary Disease Grants

This appropriation awards grants that aid the State's efforts in the early detection and prevention of cancer, cardiovascular, and chronic pulmonary diseases. Funding comes from Amendment 35 tobacco tax revenues.

#### Tobacco Education, Prevention, and Cessation Program Administration

The goals of the Tobacco Education, Prevention, and Cessation program are to prevent the initiation of tobacco use among young people, reduce exposure to secondhand smoke/vape and to promote quitting among young people and adults. This section receives funding from the Amendment 35 tobacco tax. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Tobacco Education, Prevention, and Cessation Grants

This line item is the funding source for all grants that the program issues. This funding is from Amendment 35 tobacco tax revenues.

#### Oral Health Programs

This line item funds the administrative and program expenses of Oral Health Programs to promote the public health and welfare of Coloradans by implementing population-based, evidence-based programs and strategies. These programs work to monitor the burden of oral disease, implement evidence based prevention strategies for oral health problems, train clinicians in basic screening and preventive services across the lifespan, and support local governmental and nongovernmental partners in the promotion of oral health in Colorado. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Marijuana Education Campaign

This line item funds the Retail Marijuana Education Program (RMEP) to ensure that Colorado residents and visitors understand the parameters of safe, legal, and responsible use of retail marijuana. The RMEP program is also charged with creating educational messages that target high risk populations such as youth and pregnant or breastfeeding women. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# (C) Primary Care Office

The Primary Care Office (PCO) seeks to lower the barriers that prevent Coloradans from accessing primary health care services in their community. The PCO assesses for primary, oral, substance use disorder, and mental health professional workforce needs of communities and directs recruitment and retention incentives to qualified health professionals and clinicians willing to improve access to care for medically underserved people. The clinician practice incentive programs of the PCO include the Colorado Health Service Corps, international medical graduate immigration waiver programs, faculty loan repayment and school nurse grant program. These programs require that clinicians practice in medically underserved areas caring for uninsured and publicly insured patients. The School Nurse Grant Program was added through House Bill 19-1203. The program continues for five years. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### (D) Family and Community Health

This section includes a collection of programs which promote better health for families and for the community as a whole.

#### (1) Women's Health

The Women's Health programs promote health and wellness by facilitating a continuum of health care services for women of all ages in Colorado.

#### Family Planning Program Administration

This line item funds CDPHE Family Planning program staff, evaluation, technology, training, equipment, materials, and other personnel-related costs. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Family Planning Purchase of Services

This line item provides funds for contracts with clinics that provideFamily Planning services throughout the State.

# Family Planning Federal Grants

This line item reflects federal grants for programs and activities within the Family Planning area.

This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Maternal and Child Health

The goal of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs is to optimize the health and well-being of the MCH population by employing primary prevention and early intervention public health strategies. Efforts are directed at the population, not the individual, level. House Bill 19-1122 created a maternal mortality review committee to review maternal deaths that occur in the state, identify the causes of maternal mortality, and develop recommendations to address preventable maternal deaths.

This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### (2) Children and Youth Health

These programs collectively strive to improve the health of younger citizens in the state.

#### Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs

The Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) is responsible for building an interagency, collaborative community-based system of services and supports for all children with special health care needs in Colorado. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs Purchase of Services

The Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) uses these funds to contract with local public health agencies and other partners to support care coordination for children and youth with special needs, as well as implement state and local systems efforts to expand access to care for children and youth with special needs.

#### Genetics Counseling Program Costs

Three to five percent of newborns have a clinically significant health problem evident at birth or a congenital disease that is detectable by screening blood tests taken from newborns in the first few days of life. If these rare diseases are not detected early in life, they can result in

death or serious disability. The genetic screening follow-up process assures connection to follow-up medical care and treatment services for families with identified risk of genetic conditions, as well as access to confirmatory testing. This service is provided by contracted genetics professionals in the state of Colorado. This line item funds these provider contracts, provides funding to carry out and oversee the follow-up activities, and supports quality improvement efforts such as community education and refinement of clinical interpretive logic.

#### School-Based Health Centers

The School-Based Health Center Program provides funding to support the development of new school-based health centers as well as the ongoing operations of existing school-based health centers throughout the state. School-based health centers are health centers located in or on school property. The centers provide primary, behavioral and oral health care services to low-income children and youth. The centers also provide other health services such as health education and insurance enrollment. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Child Fatality Prevention

The Child Fatality Prevention System Program reviews all preventable deaths of children under the age of 18 that are unexpected or unexplained, including accidental injury, motor vehicle, violence, suicide, child maltreatment, and sudden unexpected infant death. The program works with Local Child Fatality Review Teams and the 46 member State Review Team to review child death cases. The Program develops training, reports and recommendations for the prevention of child deaths. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Healthy Kids Colorado Survey

The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey collects anonymous, self-reported health information from Colorado middle and high school students and serves the state's adolescent health surveillance system. The funds are used to design and implement the voluntary survey in over 200 schools selected in a random sample as well as additional schools who opt to participate in the survey. Additionally, funds support the analysis and reporting of survey results so that schools, districts, local communities and state partners can use the information to inform program planning, resource allocation, evaluation and policy development. This is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Comprehensive Sexual Education

This line was created as a result of House Bill 19-1032. The purpose of the grant program is to provide money to public schools and school districts for use in the creation and implementation of comprehensive human sexuality education. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Federal Grants

This line item reflects federal grants for programs and activities that do not fit within other line items.

#### (3) Injury and Violence Prevention-Mental Health Promotion

This section consists of a group of programs which work to improve the safety and behavioral health of citizens and to provide education about behavioral health issues and injury and violence prevention.

#### Suicide Prevention

The Office of Suicide Prevention provides coordination for suicide prevention activities statewide. Priority areas include funding local initiatives, focusing initiatives on high risk populations and highly impacted parts of the state, implementing primary prevention strategies designed to reach individuals prior to the escalation of a crisis, training individuals to recognize and respond to suicidal crisis, and leading collaborative partnerships. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Injury Prevention

This line item funds the personnel and operating expenses of the Division's activities associated with overseeing the state injury prevention strategic plan and provides leadership and technical assistance for local communities regarding the planning, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based prevention strategies to reduce injuries and deaths. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# Substance Abuse Prevention Program Costs

This line was created as a result of FY 2016-17 BA-04 "Substance Abuse Prevention and Communities That Care." This line item is the funding source to implement the *Communities That Care (CTC)* model in Colorado communities. The CTC model is a community-based prevention model that was evaluated in 24 communities across seven states with significant results, including preventing youth substance use initiation and criminal behaviors. Using prevention science, this model helps local communities assess the specific risk and protective factors among the youth in their communities. The communities then pick from a menu of effective, evidence-based programs and strategies to address the specific needs of the youth they serve. Program staff coach communities through the model and prevention implementation. This section receives funding from the retail marijuana tax. This line is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Substance Abuse Prevention Grants

This line was created as a result of FY 2016-17 BA-04 "Substance Abuse Prevention and Communities that Care." This line item is the funding source for all grants and contracts that the program issues. Funding is from retail marijuana tax cash revenues.

#### Mental Health First Aid Training

This program was transferred from the Department of Human Services as part of the FY 2018-19 Long Bill. Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches participants how to identify signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge or crisis, what to do in an emergency, and where to go for help. This training is offered around the state through a contract with a community agency. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill

## Community Crime Victims Grant Program

This line was created as a result of House Bill 18-1409. The Community Crime Victims Grant Program provides funding to entities that provide support services and other interventions to crime victims and their immediate family. Per C.R.S. 25-20.5-801, the department contracts with a third party administrator to administer the funds to the grantees. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill

#### Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase

Senate Bill 19-227 created the opiate bulk purchase fund. This fund consists of payments made to the department by participating eligible entities for the purchase of opiate antagonists, gifts, grants and donations credited to the fund and any money that the General Assembly may appropriate or transfer to the fund. The department may contract with a prescription drug outlet for the bulk purchasing and distribution of opiate antagonists.

# Appropriation to the Harm Reduction Grant Program

This line was created as a result of Senate Bill 19-008. The goal of the harm reduction grant program is to reduce health risks associated with drug use and improve coordination between law enforcement agencies, public health agencies and community based organizations. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Harm Reduction Grant Program

This line was created as a result of Senate Bill 19-008. This line transfers revenue from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to the Harm Reduction Program Cash Fund for use by the Harm Reduction Grant Program.

#### CARE Network

This line was created as a result of House Bill 19-1133. The Colorado Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Network (CARENetwork) collaborates to develop and maintain a standardized, coordinated health care response to the prevention and treatment of suspected physical or

sexual abuse or neglect. Per C.R.S. 25-20.5-903, the department contracts with an external resource center entity to operate and evaluate the CARENetwork. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill

#### (E) Nutrition Services

This section includes the Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

#### Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Grant

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC) provides a monthly food benefit to women and children who are at risk of poor nutrition because of lack of income (<185.0 percent of the federal poverty level). Clients use an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to purchase designated healthy food items at approved food retailers. Local WIC agencies, most of which are local public health agencies, provide clients with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to additional health services. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is a federally funded program that provides reimbursement for nutritious foods to participating child care centers, Head Start programs, after school programs, homeless shelters, family day care homes, and adult day care centers. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division Line Item Descriptions

FY 2021-22 Budget Request

#### (10) Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division

# (A) Operations Management

#### Administration and Operations

The purpose of the Operations Management Section within the (10) Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Long Bill group is to ensure that centralized division functions are completed in an effective and efficient manner. The section includes the division director, deputy director, policy advisors, fiscal staff, Certification, Licensing, Enforcement and Records and the Health Facility Quality and Education unit. The Certification, Licensing Enforcement and Records staff provides services that ensure facilities are appropriately licensed in a timely fashion, and that any enforcement actions are handled consistently, regardless of facility type. In addition, the Section also provides compliance assistance to the industry and provides information to the general public. The Division makes information regarding specific facilities available on its website and makes it a priority to respond to specific requests for information. The Health Facility Quality and Education unit ensures that staff training is completed and ensures interrater reliability (i.e. the facilities can expect similar results regardless of which survey team is assigned). In addition, the Section provides technical assistance to facilities and helps them understand best practices and regulations, both state and federal. The quality unit collects and provides data analysis for internal decision making and feedback to facilities for areas of improvement (for example, the most frequently cited deficiency analysis can lead to additional provider training). This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# (B) Health Facilities Program

The purpose of the Health Facilities Program Section within the (10) Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Long Bill group is to ensure that health care facilities maintain minimum standards of quality by setting health and safety standards. In total, this Section surveys approximately 1990 facilities each year. This work is funded by license fees paid by health care facilities,, funding from Medicaid (through The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing) and funding from Medicare from the Federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. The state licensing portion of the work is paid from the Home and Community Survey and Nursing Facility Survey lines. Certification work for Medicaid and Medicare are paid from the Medicaid/Medicare Certification line. It is likely that portions of one survey will be paid for from multiple sources depending on the type of facility and type of survey.

#### Home and Community Survey

The Home and Community Survey Section inspects health facilities based in the community, such as home care agencies, assisted living residences, hospices and community based Medicaid waiver programs in Colorado. In addition to its survey capacity, the Program is also responsible for investigating complaints that are brought against any of the health facilities under its jurisdiction. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Nursing and Acute Care Facility Survey

The Nursing and Acute Care Facility Survey Section inspects acute care facilities (hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, etc) and nursing facilities in Colorado. In addition to its survey capacity, the Program is also responsible for investigating complaints that are brought against any of the health facilities under its jurisdiction. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Behavioral Health Entity Licensing- NEW LINE FOR FY2019-20

The Behavioral Health line was added via HB 19-1237. This will fund the licensing of behavioral health entities as the bill is implemented over the next several years. The staff in this section will inspect behavioral health facilities in Colorado. In addition to its survey capacity, the Program is also responsible for investigating complaints that are brought against any of the health facilities under its jurisdiction. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

# Medicaid/Medicare Certification Program

The Medicaid/Medicare Certification Section surveys [inspects] nursing homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dialysis centers, home care agencies, assisted living residences, and other health care facilities for compliance with Medicare and Medicaid regulations, as required by federal statute. In addition to its survey capacity, the Program is also responsible for investigating complaints that are brought against any of the health facilities under its jurisdiction. This work is funded by federal funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and state Medicaid funds transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing [Reappropriated funds]. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Transfer to Department of Public Safety

HB 12-1268 transferred life safety code inspection responsibilities from the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division to the Department of Public Safety. This line item makes the transfer of the Medicare and Medicaid funds dedicated for life safety code inspection to the Department of Public Safety. Reappropriated Funds initiate with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. Federal funds are a portion of the Medicare funding received by the Department.

#### (C) Emergency Medical Services

There are a number of programs within the (C) Emergency Medical Services section that work toward planning and implementing a Statewide Emergency Medical and Trauma Services System. This system is intended to perform a number of functions including:

- Training and certifying/licensing emergency medical service providers;
- Providing technical and operational assistance for regional planning and to local provider agencies;
- Awarding grants to fund regional and local infrastructure and support local provider (ambulance) functions;
- Licensing air ambulance services;
- Establishing minimum standards for ground ambulance services;
- Designating health facilities as Level I through V trauma treatment centers.

#### State EMS Coordination, Planning and Certification Program

This line item provides funding for certification/licensure of EMS providers; provision of technical assistance to local and regional emergency medical services providers and trauma centers; operation of the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council which makes recommendations to the Department regarding emergency medical services and trauma system rules and allocation of funds; operation of the State Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council which advises the Department regarding the scope of practice for EMS Providers; support for regional coordination of emergency medical and trauma care; and administration of the grants program. The funding source for these activities, as well as the RETAC funding and grants program described below, is the Emergency Medical Services Account in the Highway Users Tax Fund. This line item also provides funding for the licensing of air ambulance services, funded by license fees from licensees. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

Distributions to Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Councils (RETACs)

This line item provides for distribution of funds to the State's eleven RETACs, as required by statute. RETACs are formed by the governing bodies of four or more counties having geographic proximity. Each RETAC is responsible for developing and implementing a system plan for coordinated delivery of emergency medical and trauma care within its region.

Emergency Medical Services Provider Grants

This line item provides funding for grants to local emergency medical and trauma care providers for training, medical and telecommunications equipment, ambulance replacement, EMS Provider recruitment and retention, data collection, and injury prevention.

#### Trauma Facility Designation

This line item provides funding for the review and designation of health care facilities as trauma centers. The funding source is cash funds from fees paid by health care facilities that apply for trauma center designation. Trauma Centers are designated as Level I through Level V, with Level I centers providing the most complex care. Designation level reflects the amount and type of resources available to care for a severely injured patient. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Federal Grants

This line item covers federal grants that do not fit elsewhere in the program.

#### Poison Control

State statute requires that the Department contract with a certified poison control center for the provision of poisoning assessment, treatment and prevention information via a 24-hour per day toll free telephone hotline. The current contract is with the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center (RMPDC), an affiliate of Denver Health and Hospitals. The RMPDC is also an integral part of the State's chemical and biological terrorism response plan (using funds from sources other than this appropriation line). The Marijuana Tax Cash Fund provides funding to support the Poison Center's collection and analysis of marijuana related data.

#### (D) Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect cost lines at the division level are used to collect funding to pay for centralized department functions such as leased space, utilities, information technology, accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing and contracts. Indirect cost lines are included in each division budget and are based on the proportion of each Division's actual expenditures.



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response Line Item Description

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# (11) Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response

The Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR) develops and implements emergency response plans for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to fulfill the State's Emergency Support Function #8: (Environmental and Public Health, Medical, Behavioral Health and Mortuary). CDPHE is the responsible state agency for the protection of health, environment, and the medical response for victims when an emergency occurs in Colorado.

#### Administration and Support

This line item funds the personnel and operating expenses associated with administering the various emergency preparedness and response programs. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Emergency Preparedness and Response Program

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Program works to ensure that CDPHE, local public health, community mental health centers, and medical agencies have plans for responding to emergency events and administering medication in mass quantities to all citizens in Colorado. In addition, the Program:

- 1. Assesses natural and man-made disaster events and trains health and medical professionals on the latest and improved response protocols, including the National Incident Management System and National Response Framework.
- 2. Is the lead program for ensuring public health, environment, behavioral health, and medical programs are integrated with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, other State departments, federal and local public health agencies critical to the State's response.
- 3. Delivers and coordinates emergency preparedness education and training to CDPHE employees, medical, behavioral health, public health and environment partners.
- 4. Ensures effective and redundant communication connectivity among stakeholders involved in environmental and public health detection and response and effective distribution of critical and routine health information.
- 5. Assesses the State's ability to respond to emergency events relating to the medical care of victims and assists in identifying best practices for mass casualty response.
- 6. Is responsible for the rapid receipt, storage and distribution of the medical countermeasures (MCM) statewide in an emergency.
- 7. Coordinates and enhances the capacity building of the Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer which expands and integrates the Colorado Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) within the State of Colorado to prepare all volunteers for an all-hazards response.

This section is funded through federal funds with a 10% General Fund Match. This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### State Directed Emergency Preparedness and Response Activities

This section implements State mandated emergency response activities not covered by federal grants. These activities pertain to response during an emergency whereas the federal grant activities pertain to preparation in anticipation of an emergency. The Office works to coordinate the response of the Department, local behavioral, environmental and public health, and medical agencies when an emergency occurs. In addition, the Office;

- 1. Is the state lead for Behavioral Health during and after an emergency event to assist individuals and communities recovering from the challenging effects of natural and human-caused disasters through the provision of community-based outreach and psycho educational services.
- 2. Maintains and updates the Department Continuity of Operations Plan as stated in C.R.S 24-33.5-1609
- 3. Activates and manages the Department Emergency Operations Center (DOC), increasing the integration and coordination of various internal divisions and programs and external agencies at the local, state, and federal level.
- 4. Ensures that the Department and local public health agencies have a base level of preparedness to enact response activities or support those activities using the Emergency Support Function system as stated in BOH rule 6, CCR 1009-5.

This section is a combined personal services and operating line in the Long Bill.

#### Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect cost lines at the division level are used to collect funding to pay for centralized department functions such as leased space, utilities, information technology services, accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing and contracts. Indirect cost lines are included in each division budget and are based on the proportion of each Division's actual expenditures.