

# Department of Community Health

## General Overview

The Department of Community Health (DCH) is responsible for the development of state health policy and management of the State's publicly funded mental health, public health, and medical services systems.

The Department was created by Executive Order 1996- 1, which consolidated the former Departments of Mental Health and Public Health, and the Medical Services Administration, or, as it is more commonly known, the Medicaid Program, into a single Department. In subsequent Executive Order reorganizations, the Office of Drug Control Policy, the Office of Services to the Aging, the Crime Victims Services Commission, and Rehabilitation Services were incorporated into the Department of Community Health. The DCH is the largest State agency, with a budget of nearly \$11.2 billion and approximately 4,700 employees.

## Major Divisions and Programs

**Medical Services Administration.** The State Medicaid agency provides medical care coverage for over 1.4 million residents who are eligible for Medicaid coverage under Federal guidelines.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.** This component of the DCH provides community-based behavioral health services and services for persons with developmental disabilities principally through contracts with 46 Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs); operates 5 State psychiatric hospitals and regional centers for the developmentally disabled; operates, under contract with the Department of Corrections, the Center for Forensic Psychiatry and Huron Valley Center, a psychiatric hospital serving the inmate population; and provides substance abuse prevention, education, and treatment services through contracts with 16 regional substance abuse coordinating agencies.

**Public Health.** This component oversees the provision of basic public health services such as communicable disease control, health promotion, and disease prevention primarily through 45 local health departments. Other services include a variety of maternal and child health services; health planning; measuring and assuring access to health care; and State vital records and health statistics.

**Office of Services to the Aging.** This office contracts primarily with 16 regional area agencies on aging for services that promote independence and enhance the dignity of Michigan's older residents.

**Office of Drug Control Policy.** This office administers Federal Department of Justice grant funds that support the State's drug law enforcement efforts, and Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities funds that support anti-drug education efforts.

**Crime Victims Services Commission.** The Commission administers the crime victims rights fund, processes applications for crime victim compensation, and administers Federal Victim of Crime Act Grants.