

# Agency 20 - Health & Human Svcs - Reg & Licensure

## Statutory Authority:

The Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure was established by the Nebraska Partnership for Health and Human Services Act, Neb. Rev. Stat., Sec.81-3001 et seq., effective January 1, 1997, together with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support. Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 81-3201 et seq. provides for transition of programs to, powers and duties for, and administration of the Department of Regulation and Licensure. Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec 81-3006 provided that the three departments be known, and referred to collectively, as the Nebraska Health and Human Services System.

## Vision Statement:

The Department of Regulation and Licensure is an integral part of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System (HHSS). It is the vision of the System that the three specific agencies form a single, unified organization, that provides an efficient and effective way of helping people live better lives.

## Mission Statement:

"We help people lead better lives through effective health and human services."

The HHSS principles are:

Communication: keep people informed, listen actively, be open and accessible, and be accurate, timely, and complete in all we say and write;

Cooperation: work with others in good faith; assist them and accept assistance from them;

Collaboration: be willing and able to combine talents, knowledge and resources with others to create true partnerships;

Customer Service: respond to customers in a respectful, timely, and effective manner; and

Confidence: perform jobs with commitment and professionalism, through accountable programs and accurate systems.

## Goals:

The goals of the Regulation and Licensure agency are to:

1. Continue improving health outcomes for all Nebraskans and maximizing access to essential health services by: strengthening the state's public health infrastructure; providing effective preventive health programs; providing comprehensive screening, diagnostic, treatment, and educational services; promoting CLAS standards; providing health data, technical assistance, training and decision support; and increasing local competency and control.
2. Continue to protect the public against acts, behaviors, or practices by credentialed persons that would be unsafe or inappropriate, or would constitute gross incompetence, negligence, or unprofessional conduct.
3. Continue to improve the quality of the public health and safety of all Nebraskans through: effective and coordinated terrorism and bioterrorism preparedness and response activities, disease surveillance and reporting, Emergency Medical Services and State Trauma System implementation, and the enforcement of laws and regulations that protect public water and prevent diseases due to environmental risks.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	6,295,343	6,748,239	6,842,770	6,623,105	6,857,541	6,772,066
Cash Fund	17,043,181	19,059,081	20,382,690	19,552,079	20,471,806	19,182,519
Federal Fund	37,329,992	26,095,729	25,495,482	26,575,020	25,474,410	27,010,337
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>60,668,516</b>	<b>51,903,049</b>	<b>52,720,942</b>	<b>52,750,204</b>	<b>52,803,757</b>	<b>52,964,922</b>

# Agency 20 - Health & Human Svcs - Reg & Licensure Program 030 - Tobacco Prevention & Control

## Program Objectives:

The Tobacco Free Nebraska (TFN) program has four objectives:

1. reduce initiation of tobacco use among children and adolescents;
2. increase tobacco cessation efforts by adult tobacco users;
3. eliminate exposure to second hand smoke; and
4. eliminate tobacco-related disparities among various population groups.

The Program implements a multi-prong approach including statewide and local strategies, including subgranting funds to some counties. The objectives and the strategies utilized are identified as "best practices" by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,581,285	3,060,000	3,060,000	2,560,000	3,060,000	2,560,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,581,285</b>	<b>3,060,000</b>	<b>3,060,000</b>	<b>2,560,000</b>	<b>3,060,000</b>	<b>2,560,000</b>

## Performance Measures:

To reduce the initiation of tobacco use among children and adolescents, the TFN Program will:

1. provide funding and technical assistance to some communities to implement tobacco prevention and control strategies; 2. continue funding for the statewide No-Limits Youth Empowerment movement; and 3. continue the statewide media campaign targeting youth with prevention messages.

To increase tobacco cessation among adult tobacco users, the TFN Program will:

1. promote the tobacco cessation 1-800-QuitNow phone number and services to health care professionals and the general public; and 2. prepare an annual grant application for funding from the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health for tobacco cessation telephone quitline services.

To eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke, the TFN Program will:

1. provide funding and technical assistance to communities to implement strategies effective at reducing and/or eliminating exposure to second hand smoke; and 2. continue the media campaign targeting parents and the public regarding the dangers of second-hand smoke exposure.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
Per capita spending on media campaign	\$.24	\$.28	\$.28	\$.28
FTEs	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
# of grants/tribes dev tob control progs	12	12	12	12
% of high school youth smoking	22%	23%	24%	25%
# of quitline calls	1,200	1,800	2,000	2,200
% workers protected by smoke-free	80.8%	81%	82%	83%
Clients surveyed for satisfaction	NA	50	100	100

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## Program Objectives:

The primary objective of Program 177 is to improve the quality of public health (PH) and safety for persons in Nebraska.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	5,526,870	5,673,490	5,709,378	5,549,626	5,724,149	5,680,283
Cash Fund	10,978,699	11,236,270	12,023,212	11,494,578	12,112,267	11,699,769
Federal Fund	25,766,463	13,906,897	13,306,650	14,227,153	13,285,578	14,493,752
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,272,032</b>	<b>30,816,657</b>	<b>31,039,240</b>	<b>31,271,357</b>	<b>31,121,994</b>	<b>31,873,804</b>

## Performance Measures:

The program objectives will be met by:

1. collecting/evaluating information to determine that credentialed persons are qualified, and the presence/sources of diseases/illnesses/contaminants are identified/mitigated;
2. providing information regarding the status of credentials/regulations/PH;
3. providing technical assistance;
4. improving the effectiveness/efficiency of the regulatory structure of HHSS and providing QA for certain programs;
5. coordinating the development of a health infrastructure to respond to the outbreak of disease and PH disasters, whether intentional or naturally occurring;
6. implementing a statewide trauma system; and
7. initiating appropriate actions against persons/facilities who fail to meet regulatory standards.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
Avg length of rulemaking process	4.3 months	7.5 months	7.9 months	7.9 months
% of health care fac/srvcs in	98%	98%	98%	98%
% designated trauma facilities	20%	35%	55%	75%
% of acute care hospitals in HAN	100%	100%	100%	100%
% of food stamps cases correctly	99%	99%	99%	99%
% of customers satisfied w/ srvcs	95%	95%	95%	95%

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## Program 178 - Professional Licensure

**Program Objectives:**

The program objectives are to protect the public against acts, behaviors, or practices by credentialed persons that would be unsafe or inappropriate, or would constitute gross incompetence, negligence, or unprofessional conduct by:

1. issuing credentials to only those persons who meet initial and continuing competency requirements;
2. issuing credentials in a timely and efficient manner;
3. promptly and thoroughly investigating complaints against licensees; and
4. offering an effective licensee assistance program.

**Financial Data:**

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	55,204	71,824	71,824	71,824	71,824	71,824
Cash Fund	4,119,709	4,241,615	4,778,282	4,312,150	4,778,343	4,389,086
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,174,913</b>	<b>4,313,439</b>	<b>4,850,106</b>	<b>4,383,974</b>	<b>4,850,167</b>	<b>4,460,910</b>

**Performance Measures:**

The strategies for achieving the objectives are:

Objectives 1 & 2-Utilize software to streamline the review of initial and renewal requirements and offer online license renewal to some license types.

Objective 3-

- a) Refine the complaint intake and triage process to initiate the investigations of the highest priority more quickly.
- b) Utilize information technology to streamline the investigative process.

Objective 4-Maintain a contract with an outside vendor to provide the Licensee Assistance Program.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
# of credentials issued on-line	6,060	18,658	5,217	20,750
Avg months to compl compliance	6	6	6	6
% of customers satisfied w/ svcs	98%	98%	98%	98%
% of neg feedback from website users	<1%	<2%	<2%	<2%

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## Program 179 - Public Health Administration

### Program Objectives:

The objectives of Program 179 are to improve the health of all Nebraskans and maximize their access to essential health services by:

1. increasing the number of health professionals practicing in state-designated shortage areas;
2. providing effective preventive health programs;
3. providing comprehensive screening, diagnostic, treatment, and educational services to prevent premature mortality and decreased quality of life;
4. eliminating health disparities;
5. strengthening the state's public health infrastructure; and
6. bringing together a wide variety of funding streams into a comprehensive effort to support and expand community opportunities to reduce disease and promote wellness.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	713,269	1,002,925	1,061,568	1,001,655	1,061,568	1,019,959
Cash Fund	363,488	521,196	521,196	1,185,351	521,196	533,664
Federal Fund	11,563,529	12,188,832	12,188,832	12,347,867	12,188,832	12,516,585
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,640,286</b>	<b>13,712,953</b>	<b>13,771,596</b>	<b>14,534,873</b>	<b>13,771,596</b>	<b>14,070,208</b>

### Performance Measures:

Program objectives will be achieved by:

Providing commodity supplemental foods to 14,000 low income women, infants, children and seniors each month.

Delivering nutrition and health education, referrals, and WIC supplemental foods to 40,000 at-risk, low income women, infants, and children each month.

Achieving on-time age-appropriate immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases by providing vaccines, assessment, and informational supports to public immunization clinics and private providers participating in the Vaccines for Children Program.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
% of eligibles participating in CSFP	33%	33%	35%	35%
% of WIC infants breastfed 5 + weeks	58%	62%	64%	66%
% of 19-35 mo-old children immunized	83%	83%	84%	84%
# served through Title X clinics	39,700	40,000	40,000	40,000
% newborns screened rec follow-up	100%	100%	100%	100%
# served through helpline	235	235	300	350
% of hlth dstrcts w/ MCH needs assmt	35%	80%	90%	100%
Response rate - PRAMS surveys	72%	72%	72%	72%