



The State Health Plan: Strategies for Improving Health in Tennessee

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Overview

- State Health Plan Website:
<http://www.tn.gov/finance/healthplanning/>
- The Charge of the State Health Plan
- Features of the 2009 State Health Plan
- Five Principles for Achieving Better Health
- Public Engagement Strategy for Developing the 2010 State Health Plan



Charge of the State Health Plan

The Tennessee State Health Plan is charged by statute to:

- Review the health status of Tennesseans
- Guide the development of health care programs and policies
- Guide the allocation of health care resources
 - Certificate of Need standards and criteria
 - Health care workforce

(TCA § 68-11-1625)



2009 State Health Plan

- Developed with the assistance of:
 - The State Health Plan Advisory Committee;
 - The Health Services and Development Agency
 - The Department of Health;
 - The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; and
 - Many other stakeholders;
- Approved and Adopted by the Governor on November 18, 2009; and
- Must be updated annually.



Features of 2009 State Health Plan

- Reports on the health status of Tennesseans;
- Establishes Five Key Principles for Achieving Better Health;
- Revises two Certificate of Need category standards and criteria; and
- Sets the stage for developing goals and strategies over the next year for improving the health of Tennesseans



Health Status of Tennesseans

Example Indicators (2008)	United States	Tennessee
Childhood Immunization	80.1%	83.1%
Infant Mortality Rate (2005-2006)	6.6/1000 Births	8.8/1000 Births
Adult Diabetes	8%	10.4%
Adult Obesity	26.7%	31.2%
Tobacco Use	18.4%	23.1%
Children Who are Obese or Overweight (2007)	28.8%	35%



Five Key Principles for Achieving Better Health

These Five Principles, derived from the Plan's statutory policy statement, form the framework for the continuing development of the State Health Plan:

1. **Healthy Lives.** The purpose of the State Health Plan is to improve the health of Tennesseans.
2. **Access.** Every citizen should have reasonable access to health care.



Five Key Principles for Achieving Better Health (cont'd.)

- 3. Economic Efficiencies.** The state's health care resources should be developed to address the needs of Tennesseans while encouraging competitive markets, economic efficiencies, and the continued development of the state's health care system.
- 4. Quality.** Every citizen should have confidence that the quality of health care is continually monitored and standards are adhered to by health care providers.



Five Key Principles for Achieving Better Health (cont'd.)

- 5. Workforce.** The state should support the development, recruitment, and retention of a sufficient and quality health care workforce.



Looking Forward: The 2010 State Health Plan

- The 2010 State Health Plan will:
 - establish priority areas;
 - establish goals;
 - develop strategies to meet these goals;
 - report the health status of Tennesseans; and
 - revise CON program area standards

- A work plan has been developed to seek broad public involvement throughout the state:



2010 Plan Public Engagement Strategy

- Meet directly with key stakeholders
- Solicit comments from public/stakeholders
- Aggressively promote a survey on possible goals and strategies
- Hold regional meetings for in-depth discussion on possible goals and strategies (DOH Regional Health Councils, others)



Thank You

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