

## 2015 Legislative Session Summary of Enacted Bills of Public Health Interest

### Overview:

- 142 bills sent to the governor.
- Of the 142 bills, 134 were signed with no changes.
- Of the 142 bills, 8 were signed after being line-item vetoed. Item-veto letters are available on the General Assembly's website once a specific bill is retrieved or at the following link to the Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor's website:
  - [Gov. Branstad takes action on 14 bills](#)
- The following bills were line-item vetoed: [SF 497](#) Justice Systems Appropriations Act, [SF 499](#) Economic Development Appropriations Act, [SF 505](#) Health and Human Services Appropriations Act, [SF510](#) Standing Appropriations Act, [HF 650](#) Infrastructure Appropriations Act, [HF 651](#) E911 Funding, [HF 652](#) Underground Storage Tank Cost Share Grant Program [HF 666](#) FY 2015 Supplemental Appropriations Act
- To view a complete list of the enacted bills from the 2015 session, please click [here](#) or cut and paste the following link into your Internet browser: <https://governor.iowa.gov/bills-signed-into-law>

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<a href="#">SF 200</a>	Executive Director of the Iowa Dental Board	An Act relating to the employment and duties of the executive director of the dental board.	April 17, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">SF 203</a>	Board of Nursing Omnibus Bill	An Act relating to persons and activities regulated by the board of nursing.	April 24, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">SF 274</a>	IDPH Omnibus Bill	An Act relating to programs and services under the purview of the Department of Public Health including the board of hearing aid dispensers and the medical residency training matching grants program and including the effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.	April 24, 2015	<u>Divisions I &amp; III:</u> July 1, 2015 <u>Division II:</u> Upon enactment
<a href="#">SF 276</a>	Relinquishment of Medical Licenses by the Board of Medicine	An Act relating to the administration of medical licenses by the board of medicine.	April 17, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">SF 335</a>	Release of Autopsy Information to Organ Procurement Organizations	An Act relating to the release of certain information to a procurement organization.	April 24, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">SF 434</a>	Continuing Education Requirements for	An Act relating to continuing education requirements for licensed barbers.	April 24, 2015	July 1, 2015

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	Licensed Barbers			
<a href="#">SF 440</a>	Substance Abuse/Mental Health Interstate Contracts	An Act relating to interstate contracts for substance abuse and mental health care and treatment.	March 31, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">SF 462</a>	Administration of Epinephrine in Schools and Other Facilities	An Act relating to the maintenance and administration of epinephrine in schools and certain other facilities.	April 24, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">SF 494</a>	Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act	<p>An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sec. 18</b> appropriates a total of \$1.2 million from the carryforward balance in the Agriculture Management Account of the Groundwater Protection Fund over the next three state fiscal years (FY 2015 through FY 2017) to Iowa State University. The funding will be used for a three-year project for data collection of in-field practices. This funding is typically transferred to IDPH to enhance the base funding for the Grants to Counties Program.</li> </ul>	June 18, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">SF 505</a>	Health and Human Services Appropriations Act	<p>Appropriates funding to the Departments of Public Health, Human Services, Aging, and Veterans Affairs and the Iowa Veterans Home. The following are new directives, new allocations, and decreases or increases in funding compared to FY 2014 in Division III, Sec. 3 of the bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Addictive Disorders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Tobacco Use Prevention and Control (Sec. 3(1)(a))</i>: Received status quo funding. A new directive was added for Quitline Iowa to screen patients for third-party coverage of nicotine replacement therapy. A report is required but a due date was not assigned.</li> <li>○ As a side note, the tobacco-related allocation paragraphs were consolidated for increased flexibility in the determination of funded activities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Healthy Children and Families:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>1st Five Program (Sec. 3(2)(c))</i>: Received an increase of \$571,000 for a total allocation of \$2.2 million. Initial estimates</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	July 2, 2015	<p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p>

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		<p>anticipate expansion into approximately 13 new counties for a total of 62.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Child Burial Grant Program (Sec. 3(2)(j))</i>: This program was new in FY 2015 and received an allocation of \$100,000 complete with carryforward authority. Significant funding is still available from that allocation hence, the legislature directs IDPH to continue to spend down the existing balance in FY 2016 instead of allocating additional funding to the program.</li> <li>○ <i>Office of Health Care Transformation (OHCT) (Sec. 3(3)(k))</i>: Formerly identified as the allocation paragraph for the Medical Home Systems Advisory Council, the language in the allocation paragraph has been updated to accurately reflect the use of the funding for activities in the OHCT. The Council's name was also updated in Iowa Code Sections 135.151 and 135.161 to be called the Patient-Centered Health Advisory Council. This change is made in Division VII, Sec. 38 of the bill.</li> <li>● <b>Chronic Conditions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Cervical Cancer Screening Program (Sec. 3(3)(h))</i>: Received a decrease of \$200,000 as part of a reallocation request made by IDPH. The funding has been reallocated to the Public Protection budget unit for use in the IDPH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems (BETS).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Community Capacity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network (Sec. 3(4)(g))</i>: The allocation paragraphs were consolidated for increased flexibility in the determination of funded activities. Received status quo funding from the legislature, however, a total of \$1.6 million to be used for activities such as community care teams was vetoed by the Governor.</li> <li>○ <i>Direct Care Professional (DCP) Activities (Sec. 3(4)(h,i))</i>: Received status quo funding. New language is included in the DCP Council's allocation paragraph but does not appear to significantly impact the Council's current work. A request for proposals (RFP) will be required for the funding that has been</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>July 2, 2015</p> <p>Vetoed</p>	<p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p>

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		<p>traditionally passed directly through to the Iowa CareGivers. Contract requirements are also included to use a portion of the funding to collect data to determine results based on the performance and outcomes measures included in the contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Delta Dental Loan Repayment Program (Sec. 3(4)(k))</i>: Received an increase of \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 for FY 2016.</li> <li>○ <i>Reach Out and Read Program</i>: Funding of \$50,000 was eliminated for this program.</li> <li>○ <i>University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC), Mental Health in Primary Care Settings (Sec. 3(4)(p))</i>: This is a new allocation for FY 2016 of \$159,619 that IDPH will pass through to the UIHC. The program will provide additional training to medical residency students about mental health and psychiatric prescriptions and on how to track data and outcomes.</li> <li>● <b>Public Protection:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</i>: Increase of \$200,000. Funding will support EMS activities including organizing local system/service training, data evaluation, primary system development and providing local EMS agencies assistance in capitalizing use of the system development funds; and to provide technical consultation and assistance to EMS services and providers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>IDPH-related items under the DHS sections of the bill:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Eldora Juvenile Home Substance Abuse Treatment Program (Sec. 17(1)(b))</i>: A new directive to DHS to work with IDPH to identify substance abuse programs and resources to provide appropriate treatment for juveniles with substance-related disorders at the State Training School.</li> <li>○ <i>Child Protection Centers Grant (CPC) Program (Sec. 18(11))</i>: The allocation paragraph was amended to specify that the grant program shall only fund CPCs located in Iowa. In addition, the funding that remains after a base amount is awarded shall be</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>July 2, 2015</p>	<p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p>

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		<p>awarded by a funding formula based upon the volume of children served.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IDPH-related items in the policy sections of the bill:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Patient-Centered Health Advisory Council (Division VII, Secs. 38-41):</i> Updates the name change from the Medical Homes Systems Advisory Council to the Patient-Centered Health Advisory Council that is administered by IDPH.</li> <li>○ <i>Health Policy – Oversight (Division IX, Secs. 63-66):</i> This Division does a few things related to managed care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The first is a directive to DHS to hold monthly statewide public meetings to receive input from stakeholders regarding Medicaid managed care beginning in March 2016. <u>The Executive Committee of the Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC)</u> will review the input and make recommendations to DHS.</li> <li>▪ The second establishes a Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee. This committee will consist of legislators only.</li> <li>▪ The third authorizes the existing Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman to provide specified types of assistance to Medicaid enrollees that are recipients of long-term care services. This set of directives also includes a directive for a collaborative plan to develop a proposal for the establishment of a health consumer ombudsman alliance due by December 15, 2015. <u>The Office shall work with several state agencies including IDPH.</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <i>Behavior Analyst and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst Grants Program and Fund (Division X, Secs. 68-7):</i> Creates a new program in IDPH to provide financial assistance to the aforementioned professionals that have been accepted for admission or are attending educational or training programs in preparation of becoming a board certified behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst. An allocation of \$250,000 is provided in Sec. 13(5)(a) of the bill from the DHS Autism Support Program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>July 2, 2015</p>	<p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="688 175 1499 354">○ <i>Interagency Dementia Proficient Workforce Task Force (Division XII, Sec. 73)</i>. Directs the Department on Aging (IDA) to convene an interagency task force, that includes IDPH, and in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association to review several specified topics. A report is due by December 15, 2015</li> <li data-bbox="688 394 1499 573">○ <i>Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup (Division XXII, Sec. 102)</i>: Directs DHS to facilitate a workgroup of stakeholders that includes IDPH, to study and make recommendations relating to children's mental health and well-being in Iowa. A report is due by December 15, 2015.</li> <li data-bbox="688 613 1499 792">○ <i>Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council (Division XXIII, Sec. 103)</i>: Extends the Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council for one additional year until June 30, 2016 and requires the Council to work with DHS, IDPH, and other specified stakeholders to transfer duties to other existing groups.</li> <li data-bbox="688 833 1499 1044">○ <i>Hospital and Long-Term Care Pharmacy Practice – Pneumococcal Vaccines (Division XXIV, Sec. 104)</i>: Directs the Board of Pharmacy to adopt administrative rules that permit the administration of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to an adult pursuant to physician-approved hospital or facility policy without a written or verbal patient-specific medication administration order.</li> <li data-bbox="688 1084 1499 1263">○ <i>Physician Assistant Supervision (Division XXXI, Sec. 113)</i>: Requires the Boards of Medicine and Physician Assistants to jointly adopt rules that establish standards and definitions for supervision of physician assistants by physicians by February 1, 2016.</li> <li data-bbox="688 1304 1499 1448">○ <i>Board of Respiratory Care and Polysomnography (Division XXXIV, Sec. 116)</i>: Requires the Board of Respiratory Care and Polysomnography to repay and funds appropriated for the administration of Iowa Code Chapter 148G. IDPH received</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="1522 467 1604 532">July 2, 2015</p> <p data-bbox="1522 1382 1604 1446">July 2, 2015</p>	<p data-bbox="1688 175 1770 240">July 1, 2015</p> <p data-bbox="1688 394 1770 459">July 1, 2015</p> <p data-bbox="1688 613 1770 678">July 1, 2015</p> <p data-bbox="1688 833 1770 898">July 1, 2015</p> <p data-bbox="1688 1084 1770 1149">July 1, 2015</p> <p data-bbox="1688 1304 1770 1369">July 1, 2015</p>

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		<p>\$36,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) in HF 650 (Infrastructure Appropriations Bill) for this purpose however it was vetoed by the Governor therefore this directive is moot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For FY 2017, IDPH was appropriated 50.0% of the allocated funding for FY 2016.</li> </ul>	Vetoed	
<a href="#">SF 510</a>	Standings Appropriations Act	<p>An Act relating to state and local finances by making appropriations, providing for fees, providing for legal responsibilities, providing for certain employee benefits, and providing for regulatory, taxation, and properly related matters. Public health items of interest include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sec. 6</b> permits any unobligated funds in the Anatomical Gift Public Awareness Fund to be used for grants to recipients of organ transplants. Currently, the eligibility category is limited to 50.0% of the funds available.</li> <li><b>Sec. 82</b> provides for the enactment of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to create an expedited licensing reciprocity procedure for physicians licensed in member states.</li> <li><b>Sec. 97</b> requires IDPH to regulate residential swimming pools used for private swimming lessons as a residential swimming pool used for commercial purposes if the swimming pool is used for private swimming lessons for up to 270 hours per month or the number of hours prescribed by local ordinance, whichever is greater.</li> </ul>	July 2, 2015	<p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 2, 2015</p>
<a href="#">HF 202</a>	Licensure of Retired Volunteer Dentists/Dental Hygienists	An Act relating to licensure of retired volunteer dentists and dental hygienists.	March 31, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 203</a>	Licensure of Polysomnographic Technicians (aka Sleep Techs)	An Act providing for the licensing of respiratory care and polysomnography practitioners and polysomnographic technologists and exceptions thereto, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions.	April 24, 2015	July 1, 2015 (Licensure is required by January)

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<a href="#">HF 371</a>	Allowable Disclosures of Radon Testing Results	An Act relating to allowable disclosure of radon testing results.	March 31, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 381</a>	Iowa Health Information Network Transition	An Act relating to the Iowa Health Information Network, and including effective date provisions.	April 24, 2015	<u>Division I:</u> Upon Completion of the Transition <u>Division II:</u> Upon Enactment
<a href="#">HF 449</a>	Department of Human Services Bed Tracking System	An Act relating to mental health crisis facilities.	April 24, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 535</a>	Code Editor's Nonsubstantive Code Corrections	An Act relating to nonsubstantive code corrections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Secs. 21-23</b> make technical changes to Iowa Code Chapter 124D the Medical Cannabidiol Act.</li> <li>• <b>Sec. 114</b> makes technical changes to Iowa Code Chapter 148C relating to Physician Assistants.</li> </ul>	April 8, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 536</a>	Code Editor's Substantive Code Corrections	An Act relating to statutory corrections which may adjust language to reflect current practices, insert earlier omissions, delete redundancies and inaccuracies, delete temporary language, resolve inconsistencies and conflicts, update ongoing provisions, or remove ambiguities, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sec. 54</b> makes a technical change to Iowa Code Chapter 124D the Medical Cannabidiol Act.</li> <li>• <b>Secs. 55 and 56</b> make technical changes to Iowa Code Chapter 135.173A relating to the Early Childhood Iowa Council's state child care advisory committee.</li> <li>• <b>Sec. 59</b> makes technical changes to Iowa Code Chapter 144 Vital Statistics.</li> <li>• <b>Sec. 62</b> makes a technical change to Iowa Code Chapter 157.</li> <li>• <b>Division II and III</b> reestablishes code sections relating to several</li> </ul>	April 8, 2015	July 1, 2015



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		workforce related initiatives in IDPH. This fixes a technical error from the 2014 session.		
<a href="#">HF 570</a>	Community Use of Municipality-Controlled Property (aka Community Use of Schools)	An Act providing for an exemption from municipal tort liability for claims arising from recreational activities on municipality-controlled property.	March 31, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 585</a>	Secretary of State's Confidentiality Program	An Act establishing an address confidentiality program in the Office of the Secretary of State for a victim of domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, stalking, and human trafficking and providing for a fee and including effective date provisions. (For information on the funding for this program, please refer to HF 659 in this document.)	May 7, 2015	January 1, 2016 with some provisions taking effect on July 1, 2015.
<a href="#">HF 630</a>	Federal Block Grant Bill	An Act appropriating federal funds made available from federal block grants and other nonstate sources, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal funds are more or less than anticipated or if federal block grants are more or less than anticipated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sec. 1</b> provides authorization of expenditures for the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.</li> <li>• <b>Sec. 3</b> provides authorization of expenditures for the federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant.</li> <li>• <b>Sec. 4</b> provides authorization of expenditures for the federal Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant.</li> </ul>	May 15, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 650</a>	Infrastructure Appropriations Act	An Act relating to and making appropriations to state departments and agencies from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund and Revenue Bonds Capitals II Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sec. 3(5)</b> made three appropriations for FY 2016 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$500,000 for IDPH's initiative to merge five data collections systems into one in the Bureaus of Family Health and Oral</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	July 2, 2015	July 1, 2015

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		<p>and Health Delivery Systems. The new system will allow for improved data sharing and analysis. This item was recommended by the Governor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$36,000 for implementation of HF 203 that licenses polysomnographic technicians. <i>This item was vetoed by the Governor.</i></li> <li>○ \$300,000 to support information technology resources and research activities for the Iowa Registry for Congenital and Inherited Disorders. <i>This item was vetoed by the Governor.</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Vetoed</i></p> <p><i>Vetoed</i></p>	<p>July 1, 2015</p> <p>July 1, 2015</p>
<p><a href="#">HF 658</a></p>	<p>Education Appropriations Act</p>	<p>An Act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the College Student Aid Commission, the Department for the Blind, the Department of Education, and the State Board of Regents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sec. 2</b> provides the following allocations to the College Student Aid Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$400,973 for the loan repayment program for health care professionals in Iowa Code Section 261.19.</li> <li>○ \$80,852 for the registered nurse and nurse educator loan forgiveness program in Iowa Code Section 261.23.</li> <li>○ \$36,938 for the barber and cosmetology tuition grant program in Iowa Code Section 261.18.</li> <li>○ \$1.6 million for the rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program in Iowa Code Section 261.113.</li> <li>○ \$400,000 for the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant loan repayment program in Iowa Code Section 261.114.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Sec. 6</b> provides the following to the Department of Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allocates \$5.4 million to the Department of Management's (DOM) Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Program.</li> <li>○ Allocates \$5.4 million to Dom's ECI programs for preschool tuition assistance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Sec. 7</b> provides the following to the University of Iowa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allocates \$4.4 million to the State Hygienic Laboratory.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>July 2, 2015</p>	<p>July 1, 2015</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allocates \$1.8 million for the University of Iowa's (UI) family practice residency program.</li> <li>○ Allocates \$149,051 to the UI statewide cancer registry.</li> <li>○ Allocates \$55,529 to the UI substance abuse consortium.</li> <li>○ Allocates \$38,288 for the UI birth defects registry (aka Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders).</li> </ul>		
<a href="#">HF 659</a>	Administration and Regulation Appropriations Act	<p>An Act relating to and making appropriations to certain state departments, agencies, funds, and certain other entities, providing for regulatory authority, and other properly related matters and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Secs. 29-37</b> authorizes a series of funding transfers from various existing Funds to the Safe At Home Address Confidentiality Program that was established by HF 585 (more information above).</li> </ul>	July 2, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 662</a>	Vital Records/Birth Records and Fees for Searches	<p>An Act relating to vital statistics, including access to birth records and vital statistics fees collected by the state and county registrars of vital statistics.</p>	June 18, 2015	July 1, 2015
<a href="#">HF 666</a>	FY 2015 Supplemental Appropriations Act	<p>An Act relating to state and local finances by making transfers and appropriations, providing for properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sec. 3</b> provides an FY 2015 General Fund supplemental appropriation of \$2.3 million to IDPH for substance abuse treatment grants to providers. Requires \$100,000 grants to nonprofit substance abuse treatment programs licensed by IDPH. Requires the grants to be used for the costs of implementing an electronic health record system that is required to be operational by July 1, 2019. <i>This item was vetoed by the Governor.</i></li> </ul>	Vetoed July 2, 2015	NA