

DEPARTMENT 325 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 2025-27 BASE-LEVEL BUDGET

Base Budget - Summary

	FTEs	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Base Level	2,483.83	\$2,011,427,547	\$3,541,730,000	\$5,553,157,547

Selected Base Budget Information

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Includes funding for the salaries and wages block grant program for 2,483.83 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, of which \$474,548,818 is for salaries and wages, \$36,131,748 is for temporary salaries, and \$3,530,508 is for overtime	\$278,075,144	\$236,135,930	\$514,211,074
2. Includes funding for temporary assistance for needy families with an average monthly case count of 1,020 and an average monthly cost per case of \$311	\$1,013,734	\$13,875,007	\$14,888,741
3. Includes funding for the supplemental nutrition assistance program with an average monthly case count of 12,438 and an average monthly cost per case of \$352	\$0	\$22,820,292	\$22,820,292
4. Includes funding for foster care with an average monthly case count of 1,085 and an average monthly cost per foster care family home of \$1,706 (76% of caseload), per therapeutic family foster care of \$16,377 (14% of caseload), and per qualified residential treatment program of \$7,884 (10% of caseload)	\$27,435,791	\$47,142,098	\$74,577,889
5. Includes funding for subsidized adoption for special needs children with an average monthly case count of 1,870 and an average monthly cost per case of \$971	\$30,279,257	\$23,751,822	\$54,031,079
6. Includes funding for medical assistance for inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, professional fees, net drugs, dental, Medicaid Expansion, and ambulance services	\$408,306,611	\$1,312,946,047	\$1,721,252,658
7. Includes funding for federal Medicare Part D payments with an average monthly number of recipients of 11,447 and an average monthly cost per person of \$179	\$47,131,710	\$2,160,013	\$49,291,723
8. Includes funding for the money follows the person program for transition coordination services, outreach services, recipient transitional costs, and other housing and support services	\$0	\$15,532,955	\$15,532,955
9. Includes funding for long-term care continuum for nursing homes, basic care, service payments for elderly and disabled, expanded service payments for elderly and disabled, home- and community-based services waiver, targeted case management, personal care option, medically fragile worker, partnership in assisting community expansion, children's hospice waiver, autism waiver, and autism voucher program	\$485,853,383	\$475,366,362	\$961,219,745
10. Includes funding for developmental disabilities services	\$354,261,865	\$390,731,726	\$744,993,591

Continuing Appropriations

Medical marijuana - North Dakota Century Code Section 19-24.1-40 - Establishes the medical marijuana fund and requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) deposit in the fund all fees collected under the medical marijuana chapter. The department must administer the fund and money in the fund is appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for use in administering the medical marijuana chapter. For the 2021-23 biennium, the fund had \$2,144,824 of revenues, \$1,609,657 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2023, fund balance of \$1,739,396.

Combined purchasing with local public health units - Section 23-01-28 - Provides DHHS may make combined or joint purchases with or on behalf of local public health units for items or services. Payments received by DHHS from local public health units pursuant to a combined or joint purchase must be deposited in the operating fund and are appropriated as a standing and continuing appropriation to the department for purchases under the section. For the 2021-23 biennium, the department received no payments from the public health units.

Organ tissue transplant fund - Sections 23-01-05.1 and 57-38-35.1 - Provides financial assistance to organ or tissue transplant patients who are residents of North Dakota and demonstrate financial need. Tax refunds of less than \$5 are transferred to the organ tissue transplant fund. The State Health Officer is responsible for adopting rules and administering the fund, and the Tax Department collects the funds. For the 2021-23 biennium, the fund had \$36,440 of revenues, \$12,404 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2023, fund balance of \$142,720.

Cardiac ready community grant program - Section 23-38.1-03 - Provides DHHS may accept any gifts, grants, or donations, whether conditional or unconditional. The department or local grantees may contract public or private entities and may expend any available money to obtain matching funds for the purposes of this chapter. All money received by DHHS as gifts, grants, or donations under this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the department's operations fund for the purpose of funding the grant program. For the 2021-23 biennium, the department received \$500 of revenues for the program.

Veterinarian and dental loan repayment - Sections 43-29.1-08 and 43-28.1-09 - The State Health Council may accept any conditional or unconditional gifts, grants, or donations for the purpose of providing funds for the repayment of veterinarians' education loans or dentists' education loans. All money received as gifts, grants, or donations under these sections is appropriated on a continuing basis to the State Health Council for the purpose of providing funds for the repayment of additional veterinarians' or dentists' education loans. If an entity desires to provide funds to the State Health Council to allow an expansion of the program beyond three veterinarians or dentists, the entity must fully fund the expansion for a period of 4 years. For the 2021-23 biennium, the department had \$597,910 of expenditures for the dental loan repayment program and \$405,000 of expenditures for the veterinarian loan repayment program.

Child support collection and disbursement - Section 14-09-25 - Allows the department to receive child support payments and provide the funds to the custodial parent or appropriate governmental entity for those custodial parents receiving governmental assistance. For the 2021-23 biennium, the department had \$271,267,346 of collections and \$270,835,407 of disbursements.

Child support improvement account - Section 50-09-15.1 - Allows the department to receive federal child support incentive funds and spend the funds in accordance with its business plan to improve the child support collection process. For the 2021-23 biennium, the department received \$3.8 million of revenues from federal child support incentive funds.

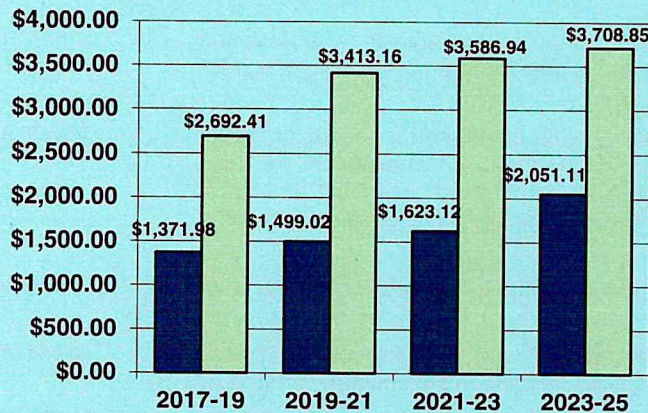
Child support cooperative agreements - Section 50-09-33 - Allows the department to accept federal funds and other income generated by the department under a cooperative agreement with an Indian tribe for child support enforcement services for hiring staff and payment of other expenses as necessary for carrying out the department's duties under the agreement. For the 2021-23 biennium, the department received no funds for the program.

Transition to independence - Section 50-06-34 - Allows the department to receive grants and other sources of funding for the development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk. For the 2021-23 biennium, the department received no funds for the program.

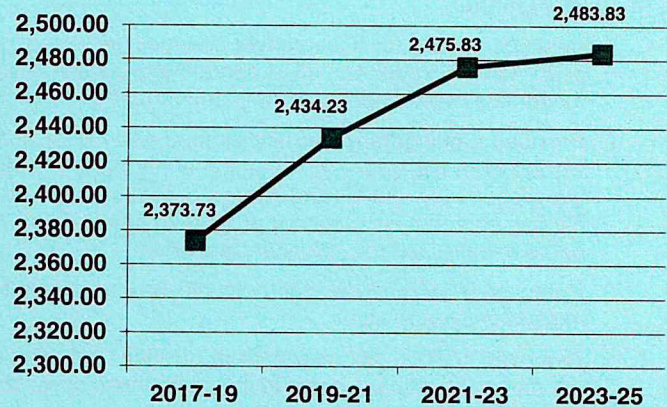
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$1,311,460,589	\$1,345,831,659	\$1,497,421,474	\$1,593,362,809	\$2,011,427,547
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$34,371,070	\$151,589,815	\$95,941,335	\$418,064,738
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	2.6%	11.3%	6.4%	26.2%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	2.6%	14.2%	21.5%	53.4%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Reduced base budget, including salaries and wages, operating expenses, and grants (\$2,031,418)
2. Removed 6 undesignated FTE positions, including related funding for salaries and wages (\$475,736)
3. Increased funding for state aid grants to local public health units and adjusted the funding sources to provide a total of \$5.25 million, of which \$3.25 million was from the general fund and \$2 million was from the tobacco prevention and control trust fund (\$1,000,000)
4. Adjusted funding for certain programs to provide \$2,224,862 from the tobacco prevention and control trust fund instead of the general fund (\$2,224,862)
5. Reduced funding for emergency medical services grants to provide a total of \$7,721,000. Emergency medical services rural assistance grants totaled \$6,875,000, of which \$5,625,000 was from the general fund and \$1,250,000 was from the insurance tax distribution fund. Emergency medical services training grants totaled \$846,000 from the general fund. (\$561,820)
6. Added ongoing funding and authorization for 6 FTE positions to establish a Medical Marijuana Division, based on the fiscal note for Senate Bill No. 2344, to provide total ongoing funding of \$1,465,704, including funding provided for employee health insurance premium increases, of which \$723,270 was from the general fund and \$742,434 was from the medical marijuana fund \$723,270
7. Removed 33 FTE positions from the department (\$3,127,902)
8. Reduced funding for staff overtime (\$1,082,857)
9. Adjusted funding for child care assistance eligibility (\$2,160,357)
10. Adjusted the professional fee schedule to 100 percent of Medicare and provided other policy changes (\$10,612,966)
11. Added funding to continue Medicaid Expansion for 19 and 20 year olds as managed care \$1,653,008
12. Changed a portion of funding sources for various programs from the general fund to the community health trust fund (\$18,000,000) and the tobacco prevention and control trust fund (\$22,175,000) (\$40,175,000)

13. Added funding for nursing home operating margin, rebasing, and incentives	\$1,783,181
14. Added funding for money follows the person grants	\$527,954
15. Added funding to increase the autism waiver maximum age to 11 years old	\$183,609
16. Reduced funding for vacant positions and employee turnover at institutions	(\$3,250,499)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Adjusted funding for base budget changes, including increases relating to technology, professional development, travel, and other operating expenses; and various grant programs, including the state-funded loan repayment programs and federal grant programs	\$1,109,194
2. Provided funding from the general fund and the community health trust fund for various programs funded from the tobacco prevention and control trust fund during the 2017-19 biennium, including the tobacco prevention and control program, state aid to local public health units, the stroke and cardiac care program, cancer programs, medical and behavioral health loan repayment programs, and domestic violence offender treatment	\$6,378,195
3. Removed 6.5 FTE undesignated positions and related funding for salaries and wages and operating expenses agencywide	(\$3,184,844)
4. Removed 1 FTE office assistant III position, including salaries and wages, and related funding for the medical marijuana program because these costs will be paid through a continuing appropriation	(\$451,267)
5. Transferred the suicide prevention program from the State Department of Health to the Department of Human Services, including 1 FTE position and related funding for salaries and wages, operating expenses, and grants	(\$1,260,512)
6. Added 1 FTE food and lodging environmental health position, including salaries and wages of \$159,720 and operating expenses of \$26,185	\$185,905
7. Increased funding for temporary salaries related to life safety construction and renovation plan review to provide a total of \$130,000, of which \$50,000 was from the general fund and \$80,000 was from fee revenue	\$50,000
8. Added funding to implement an emergency medical services data licensing and records management system	\$126,000
9. Added funding for operating expenses related to Microsoft Office 365 licensing expenses	\$42,377
10. Changed the funding source for cancer programs and domestic violence offender treatment grants to the tobacco prevention and control trust fund and increased domestic violence offender treatment grants by \$50,000. A total of \$880,324 was provided from the tobacco prevention and control trust fund for cancer programs (\$580,324) and domestic violence offender treatment grants (\$300,000).	(\$830,324)
11. Added funding to transfer reporting of youth access to tobacco from the Department of Human Services to the State Department of Health	\$75,000
12. Increased funding for sexual violence primary prevention program grants to provide a total of \$2.45 million, of which \$2.11 million was from the general fund	\$200,000
13. Added funding for provider inflationary increases of 2 percent the 1 st year of the biennium and 2.5 percent the 2 nd year of the biennium	\$30,155,090
14. Adjusted funding for anticipated changes in the regular federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP)	(\$25,682,840)
15. Adjusted funding for anticipated changes in the FMAP for Medicaid Expansion (\$20,254,376) and the children's health insurance program (\$6,152,757)	\$26,407,133
16. Added funding for grant cost and caseload changes	\$51,128,377
17. Replaced funding provided in the 2017-19 biennium from the tobacco prevention and control trust fund	\$34,175,000
18. Replaced one-time funding provided in the 2017-19 biennium for Medicaid Expansion commercial rates	\$13,300,000
19. Adjusted funding sources to use funding from the community health trust fund rather than the general fund	(\$32,400,000)
20. Added funding for the free through recovery program to provide services to individuals outside of the corrections system	\$4,000,000
21. Added funding to expand crisis services	\$4,096,174
22. Added funding for the substance use disorder voucher program	\$3,053,523

2021-23 Biennium

1. Transferred 4 FTE data processing coordinator III positions to the Information Technology Department for the information technology unification initiative, including a decrease in the salaries and wages and tobacco prevention line items, and an increase in the operating expenses line item	\$2,135
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2. Added 10.5 FTE positions, including funding from the general fund for salaries and wages (\$354,335), 7 temporary positions (\$436,497), and operating expenses (\$3,668,934) for the COVID-19 response. Ongoing funding added for the COVID-19 response totals \$4,459,766 from the general fund and was included in Senate Bill No. 2004. In addition, the Legislative Assembly provided \$5,608,094 from federal funds in House Bill No. 1394 as a 2019-21 biennium appropriation and allowed the department to continue the funding to the 2021-23 biennium for the COVID-19 response for these items.	\$4,459,766
3. Adjusted the funding source for salaries and wages related to the plans review program within the Life, Safety, and Construction Division from the general fund to special funds from program fees	(\$312,706)
4. Adjusted funding for cost-to-continue items, including a shift from professional fees to grants and adjustments to provide funding for certain items from the community health trust fund instead of the tobacco prevention and control trust fund	\$1,890,945
5. Increased funding from the community health trust fund for tobacco prevention and control, including funding for professional fees and grants	(\$1,108,000)
6. Adjusted funding for an increase in the federal indirect rate to support agencywide costs	(\$1,060,000)
7. Increased funding for operating expenses related to the University of North Dakota forensic examiner contract, to provide a total of \$1,625,270, of which \$1,000,000 was from the community health trust fund and \$625,270 was from the general fund	\$105,270
8. Added funding for cost, caseload, and utilization changes, including \$156,789,851 for medical services, \$77,698,712 for long-term care, and \$41,567,021 for developmental disabilities	\$124,345,846
9. Increased funding for substance use disorder vouchers to \$15 million and added \$2 million for substance use disorder grants	\$9,000,000
10. Added funding for a new early childhood program	\$1,500,000
11. Reduced funding for long-term care estimated utilization rates	(\$9,395,558)
12. Transferred 19 and 20 year old individuals in Medicaid Expansion to a fee-for-service arrangement	(\$2,413,379)
13. Adjusted funding based on estimated FMAP rates	(\$45,779,364)
14. Added provider inflation funding to provide a 2.0 percent increase the 1 st year of the biennium and a 0.25 percent increase the 2 nd year of the biennium	\$18,998,506
15. Added funding for technology contractual services and repairs	\$4,010,886

2023-25 Biennium

1. Increased funding to maintain public health registries	\$701,553
2. Increased funding for domestic violence prevention to provide a total of \$4,596,285	\$2,686,285
3. Added funding for a child care and workforce initiative, including enhancements to the background check process, increased eligibility and payments for child care assistance, and worker training stipends	\$43,600,000
4. Added funding to provide 3 percent per year inflationary increases, except as noted in medical services, long-term care, and developmental disabilities	\$37,253,974
5. Added funding for estimated cost and caseload increases	\$122,273,747
6. Added funding for FMAP adjustments based on a rate of 52.50 percent for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025	\$21,621,657
7. Increased the eligibility level for medically needy individuals from 83 to 90 percent of the federal poverty level	\$6,300,000
8. Adjusted inflation as noted in #4 above for prospective payment system hospitals from 3 percent each year to 0 percent the 1 st year and 2 percent the 2 nd year of the biennium	(\$4,385,331)
9. Reduced estimated utilization rates as noted in #5 above for Medicaid Expansion (\$110,753,873 total funds) and provided for a realigned rate structure to pay 145 percent of traditional Medicaid costs effective January 1, 2025, (\$29,179,602 total funds) except for behavioral health providers	(\$13,993,347)
10. Increased funding for home- and community-based services, including an increase in the personal needs allowance, an increase in adult foster care rates, an increase in the family home care rate to \$72.50 per day, and other enhancements	\$8,288,319
11. Removed \$300,000 from the general fund to eliminate the autism spectrum disorder voucher program and increased funding for the autism waiver program	\$3,868,959
12. Added funding for a long-term care value-based payment program	\$6,000,000
13. Reduced estimated long-term care utilization rates based on the estimated cost and caseload increases as noted in #5 above	(\$9,949,900)
14. Added funding to rebase basic care rates effective July 1, 2023	\$3,880,000
15. Increased the basic care daily rate by \$5 for the 2023-25 biennium	\$4,067,056

16. Increased senior meal rates from \$4.60 to \$8.89 for home-delivered meals and from \$4.60 to \$7.62 for congregate meals and provides for up to two home-delivered meals per day	\$12,992,444
17. Added funding for foster care to allow temporary assistance for needy families funding to be redirected to economic assistance programs	\$7,496,368
18. Increased funding for the community connect program to provide total funding of \$15 million	\$7,019,514
19. Adjusted funding for the free through recovery program to provide funding directly to DHHS for the program rather than using passthrough funds from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$15,500,000
20. Added funding for school behavioral health grants to provide total funding of \$9.5 million	\$6,500,000
21. Provided enhanced payment rates to disabilities providers to provide for a \$1 per hour increase for workers and 2 percent annual inflation increases rather than 3 percent each year	\$12,888,560
22. Combined the best in class program and the kindergarten readiness program into the research-based 0-4 program	\$14,400,000
23. Increased funding for crisis support services	\$8,561,700
24. Added funding to establish a certified community behavioral health clinic at a human service center	\$3,938,041

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
One-time general fund appropriations	\$18,508,167	\$26,000,000	\$1,602,603	\$29,761,492	\$39,682,172

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Added one-time funding for a county social services pilot program	\$26,000,000
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2019-21 Biennium

1. Added one-time funding, including funding from federal funds and fee revenue, for microbiology laboratory information technology upgrades, to provide a total of \$483,000, of which \$90,000 was from the general fund, \$360,000 was from federal funds, and \$33,000 was from fee revenue	\$90,000
2. Added one-time funding for a medically complex children provider funding adjustment	\$977,603
3. Added one-time funding for a hyperbaric oxygen therapy pilot project	\$335,000

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added one-time funding, including \$4,515,296 from the community health trust fund, for costs related to the COVID-19 response, including salaries and wages, grants, and other operating expenses	\$4,747,045
2. Added one-time funding, of which \$128,769 was from federal funds, for operating expenses (\$60,000) and capital assets (\$850,000) for forensic examiner equipment (\$500,000) and a forensic electronic records system (\$350,000)	\$781,231
3. Added one-time funding for the first phase of upgrading the Medicaid management information system	\$4,326,686
4. Added one-time funding for a child welfare technology project	\$15,000,000
5. Added one-time funding for changes associated with the implementation of a new nursing facility payment methodology	\$3,348,000
6. Added one-time funding for heat pump and carpet replacement projects at the Southeast Human Service Center	\$724,000

2023-25 Biennium

1. Added one-time funding for operating inflation	\$10,282,172
2. Added one-time funding for Medicaid program integrity audits	\$2,250,000
3. Added one-time funding for a northwest region behavioral health facility	\$1,950,000
4. Added one-time funding for a child care and workforce initiative	\$19,000,000
5. Added one-time funding for a family caregiver service pilot project	\$2,500,000
6. Added one-time funding for State Hospital building demolition	\$4,000,000