

Health – Environmental Health

Other Appropriations- Denver Health Operating Agreement

Overview

The City has a long-standing relationship with Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA). In 1997, the Denver Health and Hospital Authority was formed and absorbed Denver General Hospital and the medical service functions of the former Denver Department of Health and Hospitals. The City retained the regulatory and some of the public health functions incorporating them into the Department of Environmental Health. The Authority and the City entered into an Operating Agreement setting forth the services that the Authority provides the City and that the City provides to the Authority. The parties amend the Operating Agreement’s appendices annually to adjust and provide funding for the next fiscal year and to make any necessary modifications. DHHA is the City’s “safety net” hospital and serves the most vulnerable populations in the Denver metro area including the indigent, homeless, incarcerated, and undocumented, as well as insured patients. Denver Health provides a variety of services for the City ranging from care for the medically indigent to psychiatric evaluations, acute prisoner care, and the poison control hotline, among many others. The City also supports DHHA’s capital construction projects, and provides services to DHHA. There are also a few agreements outside of the Operating Agreement for services like marijuana-related public health reporting. Services in the Operating Agreement are divided into Core Services, which the City must purchase from DHHA, Non-Core Services, which the City may purchase from DHHA, and services provided by the City to DHHA. The Operating Agreement and services are outlined below:

- I. Body of the Operating Agreement
- II. Core Services to be supplied by DHHA to the City (Appendix A).
- III. Non-Core Services to be supplied by DHHA to the City (Appendix B).
- IV. Services to be supplied by the City to DHHA (Appendix C).

The **Medical/Clinical Support Program** provides effective coordination with DHHA to ensure best practices and effective metrics are in place when providing medical services to Denver’s most vulnerable populations. Each agency listed in the payments section below is responsible for monitoring the performance of their respective portions of the agreement.

The following project and services are provided by DHHA and are funded through an Operating Agreement between the City and DHHA.

Budget Highlights	2015 Actuals	2016 Appropriated	2017 Recommended	\$ Change	% Change
Expenditures by Activity					
Payment - Public Health Clinical Administration (01010-6511000)	2,630,600	2,713,366	2,775,954	62,588	2.3%
Payment - Denver Cares Administration (01010-6513000)	4,075,500	3,066,031	0	(3,066,031)	(100.0%)
Payment - Poison Center Administration (01010-6514000)	96,900	207,883	156,900	(50,983)	(24.5%)
Payment - Medically Indigent Administration (01010-6515000)	30,777,300	30,777,300	30,777,300	0	0.0%
Payment - Park Hill Clinic Financing Admin (01010-6517000)	71,870	123,694	133,076	9,382	7.6%
Total Program Expenditures	37,652,170	36,888,274	33,843,230	(3,045,044)	(8.3%)

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Context and Significant Changes

Public Health Clinical Services is the City's contractual payment to DHHA to support the medical investigations and clinical and epidemiological disease control services provided by DHHA's Public Health Department (DPH) in support of the City's public health responsibilities. This agency reports on communicable diseases; maintains vital statistics; runs clinics for patients with infectious diseases including HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted diseases; and provides immunizations to the public. A net increase of \$62,588 in 2017 includes an increase in off-setting revenue, and the addition of an epidemiologist director of informatics position.

Denver C.A.R.E.S. Services is the City's contractual payment to DHHA to support the Denver Comprehensive Addiction Rehabilitation Evaluation Service. This service provides non-hospital detoxification of public inebriates; conducts outpatient alcohol counseling services for self- or court-referred patients; makes assessments, evaluations, treatments, and referrals based on individual needs; and provides police-dispatched emergency transportation for persons publicly intoxicated from alcohol or other substances. Oversight of the payment has moved to Denver Human Services' Administration Division, Office of Behavioral Health Strategies for 2017.

Poison Center Services is the City's contractual payment to DHHA for drug consultation services provided to Denver citizens. Citizens may receive comprehensive answers to questions about the safe and effective use of over-the-counter and prescription medications, as well as other drug, poison, and chemical information.

Medically Indigent Services is the City's contractual payment to DHHA for treatment of medically indigent Denver residents at Denver Health Medical Center and its outpatient clinics. Funding for Medically Indigent Services is based on the payment mechanism outlined in the Patient Care Services appendix of the Denver Health Operating Agreement.

Park Hill Clinic Financing is the City's contractual payment to DHHA to finance the new Park Hill Health Clinic located on Dahlia Street. Funding for this clinic is based on the payment mechanism outlined in the Park Hill Clinic appendix of the Denver Health Operating Agreement. An increase of \$9,382 in 2017 is due to a scheduled increase in the debt repayment plan.

Contract Budget Summary

The below represents all estimated payments under the Operating Agreement. These payments are included in the Budget Highlights table of each agency's respective section. The total estimated payment amount for the 2017 Operating Agreement from all city funding sources is \$62,139,861.

Appendix A Services	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Recommended	\$ Change	% Change
Medically Indigent Patient Care	30,777,300	30,777,300	30,777,300	0	0.0%
Denver Environmental Health					
EMS Training	582,300	465,853	487,000	21,147	4.5%
Denver Fire Department					
EMS Englewood	0	1,020,000	1,050,600	30,600	3.0%
Denver Fire Department					
EMS - DEN Paramedic Service	2,585,500	3,231,848	3,576,336	344,488	10.7%
Department of Aviation					
911 Call Taker	88,100	97,882	97,489	(393)	(0.4%)
Manager of Safety, 911					
Medical Direction Services	0	107,335	105,082	(2,253)	(2.1%)
Manager of Safety					

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Appendix A Services	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Recommended	\$ Change	% Change
Public Health	2,630,600	2,366,632	2,443,789	77,157	3.3%
Denver Environmental Health					
Denver C.A.R.E.S.	4,075,500	3,066,031	3,062,938	(3,093)	(0.1%)
Denver Human Services					
Substance Treatment Services	0	0	75,000	75,000	100
Denver Human Services					
Prisoner Medical Services (at DHHA)	5,078,500	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	0.0%
Denver Sheriff Department					
Rocky Mountain Poison Center	96,900	96,900	96,900	0	0.0%
Denver Environmental Health					
Coroner- Environmental Health Lab Services	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%
Denver Environmental Health					
Total Appendix A Expenditures	45,939,700	45,254,781	45,797,434	542,653	0.6%

Appendix B Services	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Recommended	\$ Change	% Change
DDHS - Psychiatric Evaluations	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	(100.0%)
Denver Human Services					
COSH and OUCH Line	295,000	295,000	295,000	0	0.0%
Department of Finance					
DDHS - Family Crisis Center	468,000	506,125	0	(506,125)	(100.0%)
Denver Human Services					
Nurseline	0	110,983	60,000	(50,983)	(45.9%)
Denver Environmental Health					
Acute and Chronic Health Care at DCJ and DDC	11,027,800	11,588,263	11,502,299	(85,964)	(0.7%)
Denver Sheriff Department					
Denver Human Services Child Welfare	0	0	815,170	815,170	0%
Denver Human Services					
Head Start Medical Services	405,000	405,000	500,000	95,000	23.5%
Office of Children's Affairs					
Public Health - Marijuana Data Monitoring	0	178,500	168,172	(10,328)	(5.8%)
Denver Environmental Health					
Parkhill Financing (Dahlia Debt Pmnt & Expansion)	122,600	123,694	133,076	9,382	7.6%
Denver Environmental Health					
Sane Program	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	0.0%
Denver Police Department					
DUI Blood Draws	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	0.0%
Denver Police Department					
AIM Program	0	168,234	163,993	(4,241)	(2.5%)
Denver Environmental Health					
South Westside Clinic CIP Payment	700,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	0	0.0%

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Appendix B Services	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Recommended	\$ Change	% Change
Department of Finance					
Court Competency Evaluations	42,000	50,400	60,750	10,350	20.5%
Denver County Court					
OME Relocation	0	1,232,967	1,232,967	0	0.0%
Denver Environmental Health					
Consultation & Training for Child Welfare Div.	0	92,243	0	(92,243)	(100.0%)
Denver Human Services					
Nurse Home Visit Program	0	374,200	0	(374,200)	(100.0%)
Denver Human Services					
Total Appendix B Expenditures	12,823,400	14,355,642	14,159,460	(196,182)	(1.4%)

Payments from Denver Health to the City

The City estimates receiving \$2,503,800 in payments from Denver Health in 2017 for various services the City provides to Denver Health. Appendix C of the Operating Agreement is comprised of these contractual services. These include human resource services for the Career Service Authority employees remaining at DHHA provided by the Office of Human Resources, payroll services provided by the Controller's Office, attorney services provided by the City Attorney's Office, prisoner security services provided by the Denver Sheriff Department, and vehicle fueling services provided by Fleet Maintenance, among other services.