



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTATION TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE February 18, 2010

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Good morning Senator Harris, Representative Ryan, and members of the Appropriations Health and Hospitals Sub-Committee, I am Norma Gyle, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and I am here today at your request to provide the committee with information about the Governor's mid-term budget adjustments for the Department of Public Health in fiscal year 2011.

The Department of Public Health mission to protect the health and safety of the people of Connecticut is achieved by actively working to prevent disease and promote wellness, including the metabolic testing of over 44,000 children through our Newborn Screening program, with educational endeavors and support for direct health services. These achievements are accomplished through programs that ensure the safe practice of health providers; protect our state's drinking water supply; promote prevention, education outreach and community awareness. The department's efforts to develop and build a new state-of-the-art, highly efficient laboratory are on track and scheduled for opening in fiscal year 2012.

The Governor's budget ensures support to critical health services for Connecticut's residents. This budget adjustment recognizes the difficult fiscal limitations confronting the state, while continuing support for department programs including tuberculosis care, childhood lead testing, breast and cervical cancer, and our oversight of nursing homes, and daycare through inspection and licensing.

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The Governor's budget calls for some difficult but necessary reductions, including an approximately \$2.1 million to Community Health Services. Options are being developed to minimize the impact to health centers. A reduction of approximately \$1.2 million is incorporated in the School Based Health Clinics account. It is anticipated this reduction will not impact core services and will affect only previously expanded or new services that were funded in previous budget periods.

Connecticut is facing a very difficult economic situation and the budget reflects this situation. I am committed to maximizing the positive impact of the resources provided to the department in the delivery of public health services. I am prepared, with my subject matter experts to answer your questions.