

# Policy Brief



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## More than \$3 Million Cut from State Health Programs

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More than \$3.7 million in state funding has been cut from nine health care programs in the Governor's proposed budget for FY 2011. Each of these cuts exceeds the Governor's five-percent recommended reductions, and none are being restored through federal funding.

Program	Amount Cut	% State Funds Cut
Maternal and Child Health Clinics	\$1,612,183	7%
Tobacco Education Program	\$656,318	12%
Assistance to Primary Health Care Centers	\$650,000	100%
Osteoporosis and Arthritis Prevention	\$256,000	100%
WC Center for the End of Life	\$250,000	100%
CARDIAC Project	\$150,000	30%
EMS Program for Children	\$51,131	100%
Diabetes Education and Prevention	\$35,000	100%
Women's Right to Know	\$25,000	63%
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$3,685,632</b>	

### Maternal & Child Health Clinics (7 percent net cut):

The Governor added a one-time expenditure of \$1 million in the FY 2010 budget for oral health equipment, reducing the FY 2011 spending authorization by a net \$612,183, or 7% reduction. This loss will not be replenished by other source of revenues.

### Tobacco Education Program (12 percent cut):

This line item funds activities aimed at reducing the number of people addicted to tobacco. West Virginia has the second highest rate of tobacco addiction in the US. There are no federal dollars to replenish the loss of state dollars.

### Assistance to Primary Health Care Centers (100 percent):

This line item represents unspent funds that had been appropriated for services in Mann, a medically-underserved area with a high-risk population.

### Osteoporosis & Arthritis Prevention (100 percent cut):

The decrease of \$256,000 in this line item represents a complete loss of funding for this program. There are no federal funds to replace this loss of state money. West Virginia has the highest rate of arthritis in the country at 37%. Arthritis is one of the leading causes of disability.

### Center for the End of Life (100 percent cut):

This program provides educational information to seniors about critical issues related to end of life, including educational material about hospice care, medical power of attorney and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders. This program fulfills the state's obligation to manage DNR information. There are no other federal funds for this program. This loss of funding represents a complete loss of this program.

### CARDIAC Project (30 percent cut):

The loss of \$150,000 represents a real decline in spending authorization for the CARDIAC Project. This project provides educational and outreach materials on the problems of cardiovascular health in West Virginia. There are no federal funds to replace this loss of state money.

### EMS Program for Children (100 percent cut):

This program also receives federal program support. The loss of \$51,131 represents about 25% of the programs total budget. The program provides educational support on the special needs of children for EMS ambulances, hospitals, and care centers. The program is designed to improve EMS care for children.

### Diabetes Education & Prevention (100 percent cut):

This line item was created last year with funding from the Osteoporosis & Arthritis Prevention line item in the state budget. The \$35,000 was designed to focus on the growing problem of obesity in West Virginia's young children. The current West Virginia Diabetes Prevention and Control Program is federally funded ONLY for people over 18 with diabetes.

### Women's Right To Know (63 percent cut):

The program provides information about birthing options for West Virginia's maternal population. The program had received spending authorization for \$40,000 in 2010. The FY 2011 budget provides authorization for only \$15,000. The program did not fully utilize its available spending authorization last year.

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