

Issue Brief – Intent Language FY 2007-FY 2008

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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SUMMARY

Intent Language is a statement requiring that certain actions be taken relative to a particular program. These statements become part of an Appropriations Act but, expire at the end of the fiscal year. Intent language cannot replace or supersede current statutes.

This Issue Brief lists the new intent language proposed for FY 2007 (the current year) and FY 2008 General Session. Most of the language is nonlapsing language which authorizes a program to carryover unused funds from one year to the next. Some direct the Department to perform certain acts or limits how funds can be spent.

FY 2007 INTENT LANGUAGE

Epidemiology and Laboratory Services

Under the terms of UCA 63-38-8.1, the Legislature intends to make nonlapsing, item 91, Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 2006, Volume 1. Expenditure of these funds is limited to \$250,000 for laboratory equipment, computer equipment and/or software, and building improvements.

Analyst note: Laboratory equipment is constantly in need of being upgraded or replaced. This authorizes the Division to utilize savings and other unspent funds on necessary equipment. The Analyst reviews the equipment that is purchased each year. The use of the nonlapsing funds are restricted to the items listed in the intent language.

FY 2008 INTENT LANGUAGE

Health Systems Improvement

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds for the Primary Care Grants Program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funding for the Primary Care Grants not be expended for interdepartmental projects except for Community Partnered Mobile Dental Services.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the fees collected for the purpose of plan reviews by the Bureau of Health Facility Licensure, Certification, and Resident Assessment be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated for assistance for people with bleeding disorders be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that civil money penalties collected for child care and health care provider violations be nonlapsing.

Analyst note: The intent language listed above for the Health Systems Improvement line item has been in the appropriations act for several years. The intent is to assure the funds collected are used for the originally designated purposes. The Compendium of Budgetary Information lists General Fund restricted accounts and the Committee can monitor the use of these funds. Primary Care Grants may span two fiscal years.

Community and Family Health Services

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funding for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention reduction, cessation and control programs be nonlapsing.

Analyst note: Contracts in this area may carry-over from one year to the next. Nonlapsing status assures the funds are available to complete the contracts.