



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH**

**Appropriate Funding Level for  
Department of Health Internal Audit**

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# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



**Healthiest People** – The people of Utah will be among the healthiest in the country.

**Optimize Medicaid** – Utah Medicaid will be a respected innovator in employing health care delivery and payment reforms that improve the health of Medicaid members and keep expenditure growth at a sustainable level.

**A Great Organization** – The UDOH will be recognized as a leader in government and public health for its excellent performance. The organization will continue to grow its ability to attract, retain, and value the best professionals and public servants.

# Internal Audit Benefits



The purpose of Internal Audit is to provide independent analyses that adds value and improves an organization's operations.

## Internal Audit Benefits

- Maintain compliance
- Measure effective practices and processes
- Increase efficiencies in the use of agency resources
- Improve internal controls
- Protect State and Departmental assets

# Department Overview



- \$4.4 billion annual budget
- Over 120 unique complex programs
- 6 Internal Audit Staff





## 1) Complete more high-risk audits

- 27 high and moderate risks identified in most recent risk assessment
- 8 audits selected with current available resources
- New known high risks include Medical Cannabis and Medicaid Expansion
- Higher risk audits typically require more expertise and time to complete





## 2) Increase monitoring of funds passed through to subrecipients and contractors

- Consistently high risk area
- Better coordination department-wide to improve efficiency when multiple programs have contracts with the same vendor
- Achievement of desired outcomes



## 3) Improve analysis of controls to determine if systems and data are adequately protected

- Multiple systems that process many millions of dollars of transactions with confidential information
- Qualified auditors are needed to understand IT systems



# Internal Audit Funding Level



## What is the appropriate funding level for Health Internal Audit?

- Health feels to achieve the appropriate level we would need at least 2 additional FTEs
- More resources to address high risks of agency with large budget
- Better coverage of the large number of complex programs



THANK YOU!



Questions?