

**State of Washington
Decision Package**

FINAL

Agency: 303 Department of Health
Decision Package Code/Title: P7 Screening and Genetics Unit Restoration
Budget Period: 2015-17
Budget Level: PL-Performance Level

Recommendation Summary Text:

This decision package will restore support for Regional Genetic Clinics that provides genetic evaluation, counseling, and diagnostic testing resources to predominately rural communities and contracted quality improvement and training efforts for the Early Hearing-loss Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention (EHDDI) program.

Fiscal Detail

Operating Expenditures		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-1	General Fund -State	415,000	414,000	829,000
Total Cost		415,000	414,000	829,000

Package Description:

This package restores two community based programs supported by the Department of Health; EHDDI and Regional Genetics Clinics resulting in quality assurance for hospital based Universal Newborn Screening and audiologic diagnostic services – and continues contracts that help support community-based genetic services in rural Eastern and Southwest Washington communities.

Early Hearing-loss, Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention:

The department is requesting back the General Fund-State historically used to contract with Seattle Children’s Hospital audiology to provide training and technical assistance to hospital based screeners and community based audiologists; and with Hands and Voices which train’s parents as “guides” to help other families with a newly diagnosed infant navigate the health and educational needs they face. Federal funds support the programs’ goals of ensuring all infants receive newborn hearing screening by one month of age; referring all infants who fail their hearing screening to diagnostic testing by three months of age; and enrolling all infants with hearing loss into early intervention services by six months of age.

Regional Genetics Clinics:

The department provides resources to local communities for genetic evaluation, counseling, and diagnostic testing in select, predominately rural Washington Regional Genetics Clinics in Central Washington (Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital/Children’s Village and Kadlec Hospital). In addition, this proposal would offer continued contracts that support Medical Geneticists from Seattle Children’s Hospital and MultiCare Mary Bridge Children’s Health Center to travel to sites periodically for clinical evaluation, diagnosis and development of treatment plans for families not seen previously.

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Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:

What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?

None.

Performance Measure Detail

Activity: A010 - Promote Family and Child Health and Safety

Is this Decision Package essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?

While not essential support this proposal does link to:

Goal 3: Improve access to quality, affordable, and integrated healthcare for everyone in Washington.

Does this decision package provide essential support to one or more of the Governor's Results Washington priorities?

While not essential support this proposal does link to:

Goal 4: Healthy and Safe Communities: Healthy Babies and Healthy Youth and Adults

What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?

March of Dimes and other stakeholders would support continued funding of Regional Genetics Clinics.

What alternatives were explored by the agency and why was this alternative chosen?

No other alternatives were explored.

What are the consequences of adopting or not adopting this package?

Not adopting this package means quality improvement activities aimed at sustaining and improving newborn hearing screening practices and timely referrals for infants in need of additional services will be eliminated. And all contracted support for genetic services in Eastern Washington (Spokane, Tri-Cities and Yakima) as well as traveling medical geneticist from Seattle Children's and Mary Bridge Health Center to outreach sites will be eliminated. Currently about 13,000 families are served in Regional Genetic Clinics. With this reduction we anticipate a decrease of at least 300 families served, predominately in rural areas.

What is the relationship, if any, to the state capital budget?

None.

What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?

None.

Expenditure and revenue calculations and assumption

Revenue:

None.

Expenditures:

Early Hearing-loss, Detection, and Intervention (EHDDI) - \$262,000

Beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2016 and ongoing EHDDI funding will be restored \$131,000 of General Fund-State each FY.

Regional Genetics Clinics – \$567,000

Beginning in FY 2016 Regional Genetic Clinics fund will restored \$284,000 and FY 2017 \$283,000 ongoing of General Fund-State each FY thereafter.

Which costs and functions are one-time? Which are ongoing? What are the budget impacts in future biennia?

This proposal assumes ongoing funding.

For federal grants: Does this request require a maintenance of effort or state match?

Not applicable.

For all other funding: Does this request fulfill a federal grant’s maintenance of effort or match requirement?

No

Object Detail		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
A	Salaries and Wages			0
B	Employee Benefits			0
C	Personal Service Contracts			0
E	Goods and Services	5,000	5,000	10,000
G	Travel			0
J	Capital Outlays			0
N	Grants, Benefits & Client Svs	410,000	409,000	819,000
	Total Objects	415,000	414,000	829,000