Pennsylvania Department of Health

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Mission

• The mission of the Department of Health is to promote healthy lifestyles, prevent injury and disease, and to ensure the safe delivery of quality care for all commonwealth citizens.
Mission Implementation

• Chronic disease prevention
• Health promotion
• Quality assurance
Quality Assurance Roles

- Licensing
- Certifying surveys Medicare/Medicaid
- Reviewing facility patient safety reports
- Granting exceptions
- Imposing sanctions
Division of Safety Inspection

Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities

Comprehensive /outpatient therapy clinic

Community mental health center

Psychiatric residential treatment facility

ESRD

Indoor tanning

Drug, Device, Cosmetic Registry

Rural health clinic

Pediatric extended care facility

Hearing aid registry

2015

188

12

227

9

71

15

88

281
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Chronic disease prevention and health promotion

Examples: heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, obesity and arthritis

For more information about chronic diseases and resources:

http://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#.WC8iOqAo6U!
Public Awareness Campaigns

For more information about influenza, visit www.flufreepa.com.
Public Awareness Campaigns

• “Speak Up, We’re Listening.” For more information about nursing homes and the campaign, visit: http://www.health.pa.gov/facilities/nursinghomes/Pages/default.aspx#.WCtuBqAo6Uk.
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• Auditor General Performance Audit
  http://www.paauditor.gov/Media/Default/Reports/Performance%20Audit_PA%20Department%20of%20Health%20Nursing%20Homes.pdf

• Nursing Home Quality Improvement Task Force Report
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