The Governance standards were designed to:

- Gain commitment from local boards of health and boards of supervisors to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- Assure compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards, Iowa Code, and Iowa Administrative Code.
- Develop public policy to address public health issues.
- Assure that state health laws and public health regulations and ordinances are enforced.
- Assure sound fiscal and contract management.

What are the benefits and outcomes for Iowans?

- Commitment from local decision makers to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- More active and informed local boards of health to address public health matters.
- More oversight by local boards of health to assure that a qualified and well-trained public health workforce is providing services.
- More oversight by local boards of health to assure that sound management practices are in place.

How will the local public health system change?

- Local boards of health and boards of supervisors will be asked to commit to achieving the Iowa Public Health Standards. Local boards of health will have new responsibilities such as 1) designating a local public health agency to administer public health services and comply with the standards; 2) meeting at least six times a year to fulfill their role; and 3) preparing and distributing an annual report.
- The standards will require more involvement by local boards of health to assure public health services are delivered, develop public health policy, and advocate for adequate resources.

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