Governance

The Governance standards were designed to:

- Gain commitment from the state board of health 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 state board of health members that the state will comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- More active and informed state board of health able to address public health matters.
- More oversight by the state board of health to assure that a qualified and well-trained public health workforce is providing services.
- More oversight by the state board of health to assure that sound management practices are in place.

How will the state public health system change?

- The Iowa State Board of Health will be asked to commit to achieving the Iowa Public Health Standards. The state board of health will have new responsibilities such as 1) securing written commitment from the governor every two years stating support for the state board of health and state public health department's compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards; 2) advocating for adequate resources for state and local public health to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards; and 3) reviewing state public health regulations and ordinances at least every five years and updating them as needed.
- The standards will require more involvement by the state board of health to assure public health services are delivered, public health policy is developed, and advocacy efforts aimed to obtain adequate resources occur.

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