The Workforce standards were designed to:

- Provide a qualified and well-trained public health workforce to address the diverse public health needs of Iowans.
- Allow Iowa to align itself with other initiatives as the federal government begins to look at developing standards for public health.
- Evaluate public health workforce needs, strengths, and weaknesses.

What are the benefits and outcomes for Iowans?

- Iowa’s local health departments will be staffed with qualified and well-trained professionals familiar with the underlying principles and sciences of public health.
- Efforts in prevention, preparedness, and assessment of the public’s needs will be better addressed with a competent workforce.
- The Public Health Standards will be carried out by a workforce capable of meeting the demands of a changing public health system.

How will the local public health system change?

- Local Boards of Health may need to work with partners to share administrative and public health services at the local level to provide more efficient and effective public health services.
- Increased attention on continuing education and training of the public health workforce will affect the cost of delivering services. The extent of this is not yet known.
- Grandfathering provisions are in place for existing staff in local public health departments.

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