


# Agency Technical Adjustments Submissions

## Department of Public Health

Signed (Agency Head)	Title	Date
	Commissioner	9/10/15

Fund	Agency Priority	Adjustment Title	FY 2017 Amount
11000 - General Fund			
	0	Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) Testing	146,213
		Reports of Impaired Healthcare Professionals	388,623
		Study of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	28,000
	Total		562,836
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**Department of Public Health**

11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Technical

Agency Title:

Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) Testing

Agency Description:

Public Act 13-242 mandated that the Department of Public Health (DPH) implement newborn screening (NBS) for Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), at such time as specified conditions were met. It was the determination of DPH that the requisite conditions had not been met, and ALD screening was not implemented at that time. Subsequently, Public Act-15-5 enacted provisions for DPH to contract out for ALD testing services to the state of New York, effective October 1, 2015. At this juncture, the Public Health Laboratory (PHL) believes that the requisite conditions for ALD implementation in Connecticut have been met. Specifically, on August 27, the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children, comprised of 15 medical and genetic experts from around the country, met and conducted a systematic review of the evidence regarding NBS for ALD. Through this evidence based review, the Committee recommended to the Secretary of Health and Human Services that ALD be added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) for NBS.

Implementation of ALD screening in the PHL would avoid the fragmentation and delays that would inevitably result from outsourcing this testing to the state of New York. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be expanding their NBS Quality Assurance/Quality Control program to include proficiency testing for ALD for states implementing the screening as of October 1st.

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·The position is needed to perform this new screening on approximately 40,000 newborns per year. Repeat testing may be done for presumptive positive newborns, which will help to reduce false positives and the associated tracking/follow-up.

·The testing supplies are the consumables required to run the assays. Personnel and supplies are budgeted for a full year because of the activities required to validate the method before testing can go-live.

Agency Priority:

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System ID

4373

SID	Agency 2017
Financials	
10010 - Personal Services	72,320
10020 - Other Expenses	73,893
<b>Total Financials</b>	<b>146,213</b>

Position	1
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>1</b>

**Department of Public Health**

11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Technical

Agency Title:

Reports of Impaired Healthcare Professionals

Agency Description:

Section 490 expands the reporting of impaired health care professionals to cover all licensed or permitted health care professionals. The legislation is to undertake increased investigations due to the expanded reporting of impaired health care professionals.

Request:

This statute would increase the number of health care professionals that are mandated to be reported to DPH or referred to the HAVEN program for suspected substance abuse and other reasons that may prohibit them from performing their profession safely from the current approximately 20,000 (physicians and physician assistants) to almost 150,000 (multiple professions including nurses, dentists, and many more). After reviewing data on recent investigations and through discussions with the HAVEN program (assistance program), it is estimated that this statute could result in up to 300 additional cases being referred to DPH for investigation and potential prosecution annually.

1.) Personal Services

1. The 3 Special investigator positions will conduct the bulk of the investigatory process for the 250-300 additional cases each year. This includes collecting evidence to build a case, conducting interviews, reviewing records, writing investigative reports, and testifying at administrative hearings.

2. The office assistant position will assist with correspondence, records requests, processing paperwork, and maintaining case files.

3. The staff attorney position will handle the prosecutory process for licensees who face administrative charges in relationship to their license based on the investigation.

2.) Other Expenses/Equipment

The other expenses and equipment include computers and software for the five staff, general office supplies, and desktop scanners for the three investigators to upload investigatory documents into the e-licensing system. Each of the 3 investigators will be trained and certified by CLEAR to conduct regulatory investigations. The CLEAR funds will cover travel to and cost of the training/certification.

Agency Priority:

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System ID:

4304

SID	Agency 2017
Financials	
10010 - Personal Services	\$375,073
10020 - Other Expenses	13,550
<b>Total Financials</b>	<b>388,623</b>

Position	5
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>5</b>

**Department of Public Health**

11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Technical

Agency Title:

Study of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Agency Description:

This act requires the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Commissioner to study chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in consultation with the Department of Social Services' (DSS) Commissioner and representatives of the Connecticut Hospital Association and any other national patient organization with COPD expertise. Projected duration through mid September 2016 to finalize report and complete billing. This project begins mid FY2016 with an existing authorization of \$28,000 and the requested funding of \$28,000 for FY2017 for a total cost of \$56,000.

Request:

An experienced Public Health consultant needed to carry out the provisions of the legislation. Duties of the consultant would include, but not limited to, researching hospitalization admission and readmission rates, survey of activity in the state around COPD, and the development and formulation of a series of recommendations as outlined in the legislation.

Agency Priority:

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System ID:

4305

SID	Agency 2017
Financials	
10010 - Personal Services	0
10020 - Other Expenses	28,000
<b>Total Financials</b>	<b>28,000</b>