



## State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services

**OUR MISSION:** To support economic prosperity and quality of life, the Department of Health Services exercises multiple roles in the protection and promotion of the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin.

**OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:** The Department of Health Services has a vital mission that touches the lives of all Wisconsinites. Our collective path to success in meeting our mission lies in always acting true to our shared conviction —  
**“We are all in this together.”**

The following principles guide our actions as we collectively strive to fulfill our mission:

- We** serve the citizens of Wisconsin by being effective stewards of the resources with which they have entrusted us.
- We** recognize health care costs are not sustainable at current levels.
- We** need new models for care delivery, regulation development, prevention strategies, risk sharing and purchasing.
- We** believe that competition, choice, and transparency are critical elements to these emerging models if we are to increase the value of health care to our citizens.
- We** must, in this transition, enhance the role of our citizens as primary stakeholders in managing their health and associated costs.
- We** will align resources to achieve positive outcomes and hold ourselves accountable for achieving results.
- We** will provide support systems to help vulnerable people lead fulfilling, self-directed, healthy lives that promote independence, while recognizing the value of and utilizing supports from families and the community.
- We** will work to eliminate cost shifting to the private sector and among different systems (acute, mental health, long-term care). Public programs shall complement rather than compete against the private market.
- We** will promote quality health care delivery, protect the interests of citizens receiving services, and develop policies to reflect evidence-based standards of practice that promote optimal health.
- We** will promote development of information, assistance and care provision systems that help citizens obtain quality support and care in a least restrictive setting and at an appropriate cost, consistent with need and available resources.
- We** will promote collaboration in pursuit of innovation, increased value and improved outcomes for the benefit of all our citizens.

*Protecting and promoting the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin*