

Nebraska Medicaid & Long-Term Care Division



State Agency Mission

Helping people live better lives.

Populations Served

- ✓ **Older Adults**
- ✓ **Adults with Physical Disabilities**
- ✓ **Adults with Developmental Disabilities**
- ✓ **Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries**
- ✓ **Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions**
- ✓ **Individuals with Substance Use Disorders**
- ✓ **Other:** Children, Parents, and Low-income Individuals

Organizational Structure

The director is directly appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 595 FTE.

Local Network

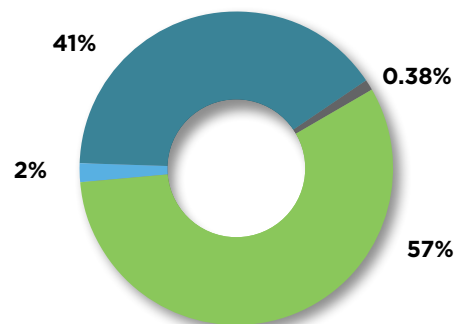
- 8** Area Agencies on Aging
- 4** Tribal Organizations
- 2** Independent Living Centers

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

1. Mitigating Social Isolation
2. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
3. No Wrong Door and/or ADRC Implementation
4. Addressing diversity, inclusion, and equity in services
5. Quality Improvement

Agency Funding Sources

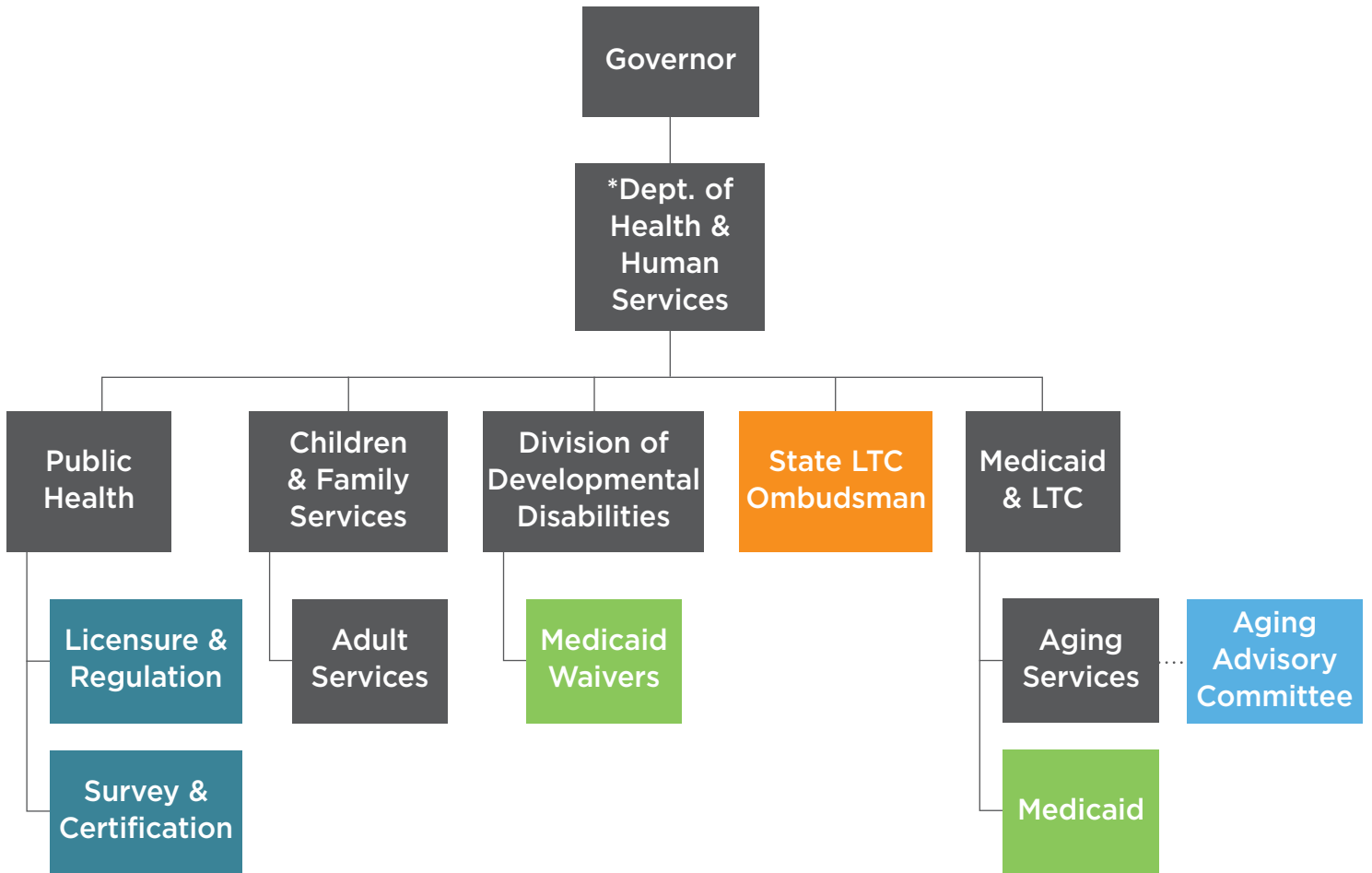
Total FY2020 Budget \$2,444,200,000



Other funding sources comprise less than one percent of the agency budget

- State Appropriation
- OAA
- Medicaid
- Fees/Fines
- Other

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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of Nebraska’s Division of Senior & Disability Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	✓

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	✓
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	✓
Administer PACE program	✓
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	✓
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	✓
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	✓
Administer PASRR	✓
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	✓

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	

Key State Initiative

Medicaid Expansion: Heritage Health Adult

Medicaid expansion in Nebraska, approved by voters, offers coverage for Nebraskans age 19–64 who earn up to 138% of the federal poverty level. Nebraska’s expansion program, called Heritage Health Adult (HHA), provides two benefit packages—Basic and Prime. Both benefit packages include comprehensive physical health, behavioral health, and prescription drug services and everyone eligible for Medicaid in the adult expansion group will receive at least Basic benefits. Adults eligible for Medicaid in the expansion group who are pregnant, ages 19 & 20, or medically frail will receive Prime benefits. Additionally, through an 1115 waiver that received federal approval on October 20, 2020, other adults in Heritage Health Adult can qualify for Prime benefits. The 1115 demonstration waiver allows adults to qualify for dental services, vision services, and over-the-counter medications by choosing to engage in wellness, personal responsibility, and community engagement activities. The state created this program to encourage those with HHA coverage to participate actively in their health care and to allow providers to identify health needs early. The program will begin on April 1, 2021. The wellness and personal responsibility activities will be included for the first year. Community engagement activities will be added to the program in 2022. For more information, visit <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Expansion.aspx>.

