



## 2025 Legislative Priorities

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### Local Public Health Funding

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**Childhood Lead Prevention Program (CLPP)**– MALPH supports \$10 million in increased, ongoing funding for the CLPP Program to respond to increased demand for case management services resulting from the passage of P.A. 146 of 2023.

**Essential Local Public Health Services** – MALPH supports the maintenance of current funding levels established in 2023.

**Flexible Local Public Health Funding** – MALPH supports flexible, coordinated funding to sustain core functions like planning, financial management and communications, allowing health departments to adapt to local priorities and respond to emerging health challenges in a more coordinated and sustainable manner.

### Tobacco Sales Regulation

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**Background:** A package of several bills was introduced in the 2023-24 legislative session. This package focused on the following actions:

- End the sale of flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-cigarettes and menthol-flavored cigarettes.
- Require tobacco retailers to be licensed, just like liquor retailers, so the state can enforce the laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors.
- Tax e-cigarette and vaping products containing nicotine for the first time and increase tobacco taxes with proceeds used to reduce tobacco use among youth.
- Allow local counties and cities to enact tougher restrictions on tobacco sales within their own community.
- Repeal ineffective penalties that punish youth for tobacco purchase, use and possession.

MALPH supports these measures to reduce tobacco usage among youth in Michigan.

### Rare Disease Advisory Council

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**Background:** Proposals to create a Rare Disease Advisory Council were introduced in each of the last two legislative sessions. The Council would serve as an informational resource on rare diseases and inform decision-making related to those rare diseases.

MALPH supports the creation of a Rare Disease Advisory Council.

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## Statewide Septic Code

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**Background:** Numerous proposals have been introduced over the past several decades to create a statewide septic code. The proposals introduced in the 2023-2024 legislative session made far more progress than previous attempts and included a wide array of stakeholders. This effort would:

- Create a technical advisory committee and identify funding for a statewide onsite wastewater system database.
- Define a uniform standard for onsite wastewater evaluations.
- Establish a statewide code for the regulation of onsite wastewater systems.

**MALPH supports** the establishment of a statewide septic code that is consistent with the core principles document jointly developed by MALEHA and MALPH in 2019.

## Lead Abatement package

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**Background:** An effort in the 2023-24 legislative effort would have amended Part 54A (Lead Abatement) of the Public Health Code to revise the threshold considered an elevated blood lead level in children and to change requirements related to lead abatement and mitigation for certain buildings or activities, among other changes; some components are to codify EPA requirements into state law; children with elevated blood lead levels would be automatically referred to the Early On program.

**MALPH supports** efforts to lower the blood lead level threshold and to make EPA requirements for abatement and mitigation the standard in Michigan.

## Essential Health Provider Repayment Program

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**Background:** MDHHS administers a program to repay certain designated professionals for debt or expenses from a loan taken to attend certain medical programs if they enter into a written contract to provide full time practice of health care services in a health resource shortage area, to which they are assigned by the department for a period specified in the contract of at least two years. A proposal introduced in 2024 would include accredited public health graduate degree programs for the training of individuals to become medical directors of local health departments.

**MALPH supports** amending the Public Health Code to include public health graduate degree programs in the Essential Health Provider Repayment Program.