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Department of Health

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Department of Health Role

- ✓ License health care facilities
- ✓ Certify health care facilities for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid program.
 - Nursing Homes
 - Home Health
 - Home Care
 - Hospice
 - Ambulatory Surgery Centers
 - Hospitals



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➤ Healthy Pennsylvania: Improving Access

✓ Promote Access to Primary Health Care - Governor Corbett believes that every Pennsylvanian should have access to a family doctor and health care provider in order to increase use of preventive and primary care services in the Commonwealth.



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- ✓ This year, Governor Corbett provided \$4 million to build new and expanded community-based, primary care health clinics throughout Pennsylvania. (Community-Based Health Care Program)
- ✓ To continue this effort, Pennsylvania will submit an innovative proposal to the federal government to access funding for additional community-based, primary health care clinics across the state.
- ✓ \$8 million proposed in Governor Corbett's proposed budget for 2014-2015.



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- ✓ As part of *Healthy Pennsylvania*, the Governor will continue to support loan forgiveness programs to incentivize primary health care providers to practice in underserved areas of the Commonwealth.
 - \$4 million included in the Governor's 2014-2015 proposed budget for loan forgiveness and residency programs.



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- ✓ Enhancing Care Delivery through Technology. *Healthy Pennsylvania* will continue to promote greater use of health information technology,
 - including telemedicine and
 - electronic health records, to bring high quality health care to all Pennsylvanians.



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▶ Healthy Pennsylvania: Ensuring Quality

✓ Promote Good Public Health

- Healthy Pennsylvania Public Health Summit – focusing on risk factors for chronic diseases and showcasing community programs.
- Continue to support and expand community-based health partnerships.
- The Department of Health completed a state health assessment and will begin working on a state health improvement plan.



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▶ Healthy Pennsylvania: Ensuring Quality

- ✓ Ensuring Safe & Appropriate Access to Prescription Medication.
 - ✓ Governor Corbett will enhance the prescription drug monitoring program to enable health care professionals to improve better coordination of quality pain care for patients; help patients receive addiction treatment; and reduce the criminal diversion of prescription drugs.
 - ✓ Support “Drug Take-Back” programs.



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