

**ND CENTURY CODE CHAPTER 23-35: PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS**

Green denotes BBPH receives grant funds to support the service. May not cover the entire cost.

Blue denotes billable service via health insurance reimbursement, fees, employer pay, private pay. May not cover entire cost.

Brown denotes a non-billable service provided for public health and safety of the community.

ND Century Code: 23-35-08 - Services may not be withheld due to inability to pay.

**23-35-02. Public Health Units – Core functions**

1. All land in the state must be in a public health unit.
2. At a minimum, a public health unit shall provide the following core functions:

A. Communicable Disease control which must include:	Comments:
<p><b>A1. Conducting of disease surveillance for the purpose of preventing and controlling communicable disease, with assistance from the department.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuberculosis (TB) screening and management of positive cases.</li> <li>• Treatment of latent TB (so it doesn't become active) through administration of medication and monitoring of side effects.</li> <li>• Direct observation therapy provided to active TB cases in the community.</li> <li>• Provide wrap around services for active TB cases in the community including food, lodging and basic needs to maintain isolation requirements of individuals.</li> <li>• Confidential STD/HIV/Hepatitis C testing, counseling, and treatment to all residents.</li> <li>• Surveillance and monitoring for new and ongoing emergency public health threats.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of student immunization records for Burleigh County Schools to ensure students are compliant with <u>state law</u>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p> <p><b>Non-billable service.</b> Done for Burleigh County Schools only, Bismarck schools have their own nurses providing this service.</p>
<p><b>A2. Assurance of the availability of community-based programs to provide communicable disease prevention and control services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BBPH protects the community from communicable disease through administration of vaccines.</b> All vaccines offered to all populations both in clinic and at offsite locations in the community (Vaccines for Children, Vaccines for Adults, Privately Purchased Vaccines) and maintain compliance with storage and handling, documentation requirements, and submission of data to the state health department including tracking of temperatures, documentation of lot numbers, and maintenance of storage equipment. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines to children 0 through 18 years of age who are either Medicaid eligible, American Indian or Alaskan Native, uninsured or underinsured (a child whose health insurance benefit plan does not cover vaccines or a particular vaccine).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Billable service.</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel vaccination administration. <b>We are the only travel vaccine provider in the state outside of Fargo.</b> Vaccines are required to travel to international locations, local clinics do not provide this service.</li> <li>• All recommended vaccines offered to all school staff and students in Bismarck and Burleigh County Schools in accordance with <a href="#">state law</a>.</li> <li>• Infection control specialist/RN provides bloodborne pathogen training for BBPH staff and by request to departments and/or community organizations.</li> <li>• N-95 Mask Fit Testing provided to regional health care agencies and first responders to ensure protection from communicable disease.</li> <li>• Personal protective equipment (PPE) donning and doffing training for healthcare agencies and first responders to prevent exposure to communicable disease.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Billable service.</b></p> <p><b>Billable service</b> Required by state law to attend school. Offered in schools and at BBPH office.</p> <p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p>
<p><b>A3. Recognition, identification, and response to a communicable disease event, in collaboration with the department of health and human services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate recreational water outbreaks in Burleigh County.</li> <li>• Manage the vector/mosquito control program for the City of Bismarck which includes placing light traps, tracking mosquito counts, fogging, and treating stagnant water to prevent vector borne illness. (West Nile, Zika).</li> <li>• Maintain records of the mosquito control pesticide applications and report to the state agriculture department.</li> <li>• Public health works with local health care facilities and community stakeholders to develop plans, conduct community exercises, and will respond to a communicable disease emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic, H1N1 influenza pandemic, etc. For example, efforts during COVID-19 response included: established a Department Operations Center (DOC), engaged City departments to establish an EOC (Emergency Operations Center) to coordinate community response to the COVID pandemic. Duties included public education, contact tracing, COVID-19 testing by appointment, mass COVID-19 testing clinics, COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment, mass COVID vaccination clinics, COVID-19 homeless shelter operations and wrap around service coordination for food, lodging, medication, and basic needs supplies for COVID positive cases to maintain compliance with isolation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Non-billable service.</b> Environmental Health Specialists provide these services.</p> <p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p>

**B. Chronic disease and injury prevention, which must include conducting programs to reduce the burden of chronic disease and injury through policy, system, and environmental change approach; prevention screening; and education.**

- Adult and Child Health Assessments at BBPH office scheduled with an RN.
- Health Tracks child health screening program which includes developmental screening, physical assessment, hearing and vision screening, orthodontic screening, and immunizations.
- Preventive health screenings for diabetes and heart disease prevention scheduled with an RN or Licensed Registered Dietician which includes blood glucose testing, cholesterol testing, and blood pressure checks.
- Blood pressure screening clinics in the community by request and blood pressure checks by appointment at BBPH office.
- Child passenger safety seat program at Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health. Includes education, inspection, and installation of car safety seats by a Certified Car Seat Technician.
- Worksite wellness program development assistance from a Licensed Registered Dietician and RN's.
  
- Public education by Registered Nurses or Licensed Registered Dietician on health prevention topics.
  
- Support and create livable communities that enable healthy living and prevent chronic disease.
- Address gaps in the community to ensure access to healthy food, physical activities for chronic disease prevention.
  
- Tobacco prevention education and tobacco cessation services for the community.
- Tobacco Prevention presentations and education to schools and colleges.
- Host annual Break Free Youth Action Summit for youth tobacco prevention education.
- Tobacco policy enforcement and compliance efforts. Assist public and private schools and colleges with comprehensive tobacco free policies.
- Partner with law enforcement to conduct tobacco compliance checks.
- Substance abuse prevention education in community including schools & service organizations.
- Organize public events with student committees to provide education to peers and parents about substance abuse prevention.

**Billable services.**

**Non-billable service.**

**Receive limited/intermittent grant funding offset by general fund.**

**Receive grant funding to support these services.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host parent education events on warning signs and resources for substance abuse.</li> <li>• Tobacco Prevention/Substance Abuse Prevention/Behavioral Health Coalition management including (Bismarck Tobacco Free Coalition, Break Free Youth Board, DFC Advisory Committee/Student Committee, Burleigh-Morton Behavioral Health Coalition).</li> <li>• CPR/AED training courses offered by request.</li> <li>• Narcan training offered for community organizations and individuals.</li> <li>• Provide Opioid Education kits and Narcan Overdose kits to training participants.</li> <li>• Host prescription drug take back events to educate the public on proper disposal for unused medications and offer Deterra bags for at home medication disposal.</li> <li>• Provide Narcan supplies for emergency first responders.</li>   <li>• Employee health and wellness program and services for City and County employees and area law enforcement agencies. Ensure compliance with ND Century Code for law enforcement health screenings.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p> <p><b>Receive limited grant funding for wellness.</b>  <b>Billable services.</b>  Cost savings for us to provide this service to law enforcement versus private clinic or another medical provider.</p>
<p><b>C. Environmental public health which must include:</b></p>	
<p><b>C1. Prevention of environmental hazards by the provision of information and education to facility operators and managers and to community members.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Nuisance Complaints – A public health nuisance complaint is a condition which threatens the health of the public. Types of public health nuisance complaints investigated include junk storage, rodent harborage but do not include sewage/drainage or storm drainage types of complaints.</li> <li>• Air Quality – BBPH would act primarily in an advisory capacity and provide an onsite assessment if requested.</li> <li>• Investigate rental housing complaints, minimal habitability standards.</li>   <li>• Food establishment and food service licensing and inspections</li> <li>• Tanning facility inspections</li> <li>• Lodging facility inspections</li> <li>• Public/Semi-Public Swimming Pool Inspections - BBPH would inspect public/semi-public swimming pools and license as applicable.</li> <li>• Special pet licensing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Non-billable service.</b>  Environmental Health Specialists provide these services.</p> <p><b>Licensing &amp; permit fees support these services.</b>  Environmental Health Specialists provide these services.</p>

<p><b>C2. Assurance of the availability of environmental health services to prevent and respond to community and residential environmental hazards.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency planning and medication distribution for catastrophic and/or disaster situations utilizing Point of Dispensing (POD) plans.</li> <li>• Environmental health staff investigate bed bug and cockroach complaints; provide education on prevention and infestation removal.</li> <li>• Environmental Health Specialists and RNs are called upon for home inspections of vulnerable adults, hoarding situations, and child protective services visits.</li> <li>• RN's perform head lice checks and provide education and training for head lice screenings/head checks and proper protocols for head lice infestation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p> <p><b>Non-billable service.</b></p> <p><b>Nonbillable for Burleigh County Schools it's part of the Burleigh County contract. Billable service for appointments at BBPH.</b></p>
<p><b>D. Maternal, child, and family health, which must include:</b></p>	
<p><b>D1. Assessment and monitoring of maternal and child health status to identify and address problems.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision/hearing screenings offered to school-aged children Burleigh County Schools.</li> <li>• Vision/hearing screenings scheduled at BBPH is a billable service.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nonbillable for Burleigh County Schools it's part of the Burleigh County contract.</b></p> <p><b>Billable service for appointments at BBPH.</b></p>
<p><b>D2. Implementation of programs to promote the health of women, children and youth and their families through policy, system and environmental change approaches; prevention screenings; and education.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and work site support to establish breastfeeding spaces for nursing mothers and provide support for policy development.</li> <li>• Nutrition and physical activity education and support for children and families.</li> <li>• Beyond Birth Education Program. RN's provide phone calls and home visits within 1-2 weeks of infant's birth as requested by the infant's mother. Visits are to assess both the baby and mother, assist with health concerns, and promote breastfeeding and. Height and weight checks are done on infants.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receive limited/intermittent grant funding offset by general fund.</b></p> <p><b>Phone calls/education non-billable. Visit is billable service for Medicaid clients if a comprehensive assessment is done.</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands-on breastfeeding education and support services provided by Certified Lactation Counselors and International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants to mothers.</li> <li>• Nurse Family Partnership Program – Trained RN’s regularly visit first-time moms, starting early in the pregnancy and continuing until the child’s second birthday. During these visits, RN’s Improve pregnancy outcomes by partnering with moms to engage in good preventive health practices, including thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets and reducing any use of habit-forming substances; visits also improve child health and development by assisting families to provide responsible and competent care; and improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by supporting parents to develop a vision for their own future, plan additional pregnancies, continue their education and find work.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receive limited/intermittent grant funding offset by general fund. Non-billable service.</b></p> <p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p>
<p><b>E. Access to clinical care, which must include:</b></p>	
<p><b>E1. Collaboration with health care system partners to foster access to clinical care.</b></p>	
<p><b>E2. Facilitation of linkages and referrals to appropriate clinical care, services and resources.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women’s Way breast and cervical cancer screening assistance available for individuals meeting age, income, and insurance guidelines.</li> <li>• Breast and cervical cancer coordination for diagnostic testing and treatment.</li> <li>• Case management and patient navigation services for Burleigh County residents who meet program eligibility guidelines.</li> <li>• Nurse Family Partnership Program</li> <li>• Home health maintenance nursing services.</li> <li>• Injections provided by RNs for mental health treatment and other medical conditions as ordered by physician.</li> <li>• Medication management services by an RN which includes setting up medication planners, coordination with medical providers, monitor for medication compliance with medications.</li> <li>• Medical foot care services for diabetics and individuals with peripheral vascular disease, elderly, and individuals with disabilities.</li> <li>• Social worker meets with health maintenance clients in their homes to discuss their needs and make referrals to services and resources within the community.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p> <p><b>Billable services.</b></p> <p><b>Receive grant funding to support these services.</b></p>

**The 10 Essential Public Health Services are not listed specifically in ND Century Code but serve as the national framework for carrying out the mission of public health in the communities we serve.**

**Other BBPH Roles/Responsibilities that Align with the 10 Essential Public Health Services:**

- Community Health Needs Assessment completed every 3 years in collaboration with local hospitals to identify community health concerns and needs which informs the Community Health Improvement Plan and the department's Strategic Plan.
- BBPH fills gaps in health needs in the community identified through the community health needs assessment process.
- Participation and engagement with community service providers serving the vulnerable populations in the community including homelessness, housing, and case management.
- A physician health officer is required and appointed to serve the City and the County. The Health Officer serves as the medical director and issues standing orders with oversight for clinical services. This is done through a contract for service.

## **The 10 Essential Public Health Services**

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of *all people in all communities*. Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health for all and seek to remove systemic and structural barriers that have resulted in health inequities.

1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.
2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.
3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.
4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.
5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.
6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.
7. Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.
8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.
9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.
10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.