

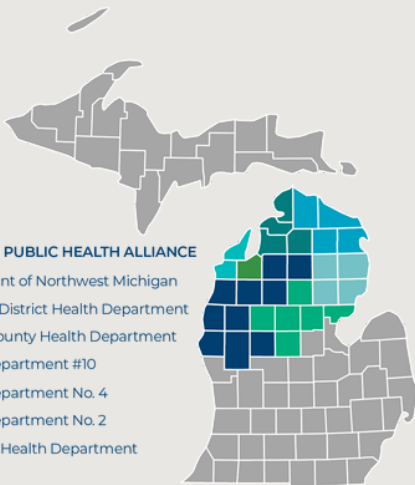
# LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Helping You Meet Local Needs



## NORTHERN MICHIGAN Public Health Alliance

The NMPHA is made up of seven local health departments who work collaboratively to create a healthier Northern Lower Michigan



### NORTHERN MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE

- Health Department of Northwest Michigan
- Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department
- Grand Traverse County Health Department
- District Health Department #10
- District Health Department No. 4
- District Health Department No. 2
- Central Michigan Health Department

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## 1 INCLUDE AN INFLATION ADJUSTMENT OF \$6.5 MILLION FOR ESSENTIAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (ELPHS).

This is not a program expansion, but a maintenance adjustment. It would increase funding from \$75 to \$81.5 million annually.

Through flat or reduced funding for Local Public Health Services, **we lose ground annually on disease prevention.** The maintenance adjustment simply preserves the Legislature's original intent and commitment in real terms.

**Every dollar invested** in ELPHS saves taxpayer money by supporting:

- Infectious disease and STI prevention
- Food safety
- Drinking water protection
- Sewage regulation
- Immunizations
- Hearing, vision, and oral screenings for children



## 2 INCREASE FUNDING BY \$7.3 MILLION FOR MDHHS AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH FOR CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES (CSHCS).

Tax dollars at the Local Public Health Department level can no longer cover the funding gaps.

**Investing in CSHCS is far less expensive** than crisis care, institutionalization, or long-term disability resulting from chronic, complex, and rare conditions not often fully covered by standard insurance, conditions such as:

- Congenital heart disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Cancer
- Metabolic disorders
- Severe neurological conditions



## 3 OTHER VITAL WAYS TO SUPPORT LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH:

- **Sponsor a bill that creates flexible funding for Local Public Health** to allow each Health Department to fund local programs as needed. The current system is inefficient and does not always align with local priorities.
- **Support Rural Health Transformation funding** and its focus on improving the health and wellbeing of constituents in Northern Lower Michigan.

Thank you for supporting the health and wellbeing of your constituents!