

Department of Health (2028)

Agency's Mission Statement: Working together to promote, protect, and improve health.

Below are the goals, activities, and measures for the agency. Goals, activities, and measures need to be developed by the agency, in consultation with the Governor's Office, and agreed to by the Legislature (Government Operations and Audit Committee).

Goal 1: Healthy Beginnings

	Performance Measures				Historical Data Section				
	Trend	Status	Actual	Target	CY22	CY23	CY24	CY25	CY26
Activity A. Pediatric Obesity Rate			16.1%	14.0%	17.0%	16.8%	17.0%	16.1%	
Reduce the percentage of WIC participants, aged 2 through 4, with obesity from 17% in 2022 to 14% by 2028.									
Activity B. Childhood Immunization Rates			89.9%	91.5%	92.7%	90.8%	90.0%	89.9%	
Increase percentage of children vaccinated for MMR at kindergarten entry from 89.9% in 2025 to 91.5% in 2028.									
Activity C. Safe Sleep			31.40%	37.70%		31.40%			
Increase the percentage of South Dakota mothers who report placing their infant to sleep on an approved sleep surface every time from 31.4% in 2023 to 37.7% in 2028.									

Agency comments regarding the accomplishment of Goal 1: Safe sleep data was added to PRAMS for 2023. 2024 and 2025 data is not available from CDC yet as PRAMs data lags behind a couple years.

Goal 2: Maternal and Child Health

	Performance Measures				Historical Data Section				
	Trend	Status	Actual	Target	CY22	CY23	CY24	CY25	CY26
Activity A. Infant Mortality			6.7	6.0	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.7	
Reduce 5-year infant mortality rate from 6.7 infant deaths per 1,000 live birth (2021-2025) to 6.0 per 1,000 live births (2024-2028).									
Activity B. Maternal Mortality			21.4	19.2	28.1	23.1	21.4		
Reduce 5-year maternal mortality rate from 21.4 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births (2020-2024) to 19.2 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births (2024-2028).									

Agency comments regarding the accomplishment of Goal 2: CY25 and CY26 data for maternal mortality is not available (federal source).

Goal 3. Injury and Harm Prevention

	Performance Measures				Historical Data Section				
	Trend	Status	Actual	Target	CY22	CY23	CY24	CY25	CY26
Activity A. Suicide Deaths									
Decrease the crude suicide death rate in South Dakota from 22.2 per 100,000 in 2025 to 18.6 per 100,000 in 2028.			22.2	18.6	21.4	19.6	21.4	22.2	
Activity B. Unintentional Overdoses									
Decrease the crude unintentional overdose death rate in South Dakota from 7.2 per 100,000 in 2025 to 7.0 per 100,000 in 2028.			7.2	7.0	9.2	7.9	8.3	7.2	

Agency comments regarding the accomplishment of Goal 3:

Goal 4. Access to Care

	Performance Measures				Historical Data Section				
	Trend	Status	Actual	Target	CY22	CY23	CY24	CY25	CY26
Activity A. Emergency Technician Pass Rate									
Increase the National Registry of Emergency Technician first time pass rate from 68% in 2025 to 75% by December 2028.			68%	75%				68%	
Activity B. Breast and Cervical Screening									
Increase breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up services within SD All Women Count! program from 1,273 in 2025 to 1,500 by 2028.			1273	1500	1628	1776	1284	1273	
Activity C. Healthcare Professional Licensees									
Physicians: Increase the number of physicians licensed with the Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners from 7,651 in FY2026 to 11,098 by FY2029.			7651	11098	5273	6717	6885	7651	
RNs/LPNs: Increase the number of RNs/LPNs licensed with the Board of Nursing from 23,304 in FY2026 to 24,317 by FY2029.			23304	24317	22328	22721	23076	23304	
Advanced practice nurses: Increase the number of advanced practice nurses licensed with the Board of Nursing from 3,263 in FY2026 to 4,111 by FY2029.			3263	4111	2590	2568	2961	3263	

Physician assistants: Increase the number of physician assistants licensed with the Board of Medical Osteopathic Examiners from 900 in FY2026 to 1,048 by FY2029.		900	1048	773	833	875	900
Advanced life support: Increase the number of licensees with advanced life support from 1,057 in FY2026 to 1,153 by FY2029.		1057	1153	969	1003	1002	1057
Emergency Medical Services Personnel: Increase the number of emergency medical services personnel licensed with the Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners from 3,274 in FY2026 to 3,712 by FY2029.		3274	3712			3227	3274
Agency comments regarding the accomplishment of Goal 4: Activity A is for the EMT student National Registry Cognitive Exam 1st attempt pass rate. Activity B: Advanced practice nurse numbers are for nurse practitioners and nurse midwives.							

Status Indicator:



= Green - the historical trend line indicates improved performance and the target has been met.



= Yellow - the historical trend line indicates improved performance, but the target has not been met.



= Red - the historical trend line does not indicate improved performance and the target has not been met.