Health and Wellness

BUDGET 2004-2005

New Brunswick

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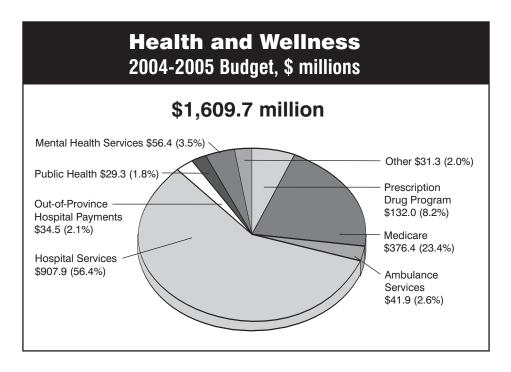
Department Spending						
	2004/2005 Main Estimates (\$ millions)	2003/2004 Main Estimates (\$ millions)	% (Decrease) % Increase			
Health and Wellness (total	1,609.7	1,478.4	8.9			
Hospital Services	907.9	845.0	7.4			
Medicare	376.4	327.3	15.0			
Prescription Drug	132.0	114.5	15.3			
Out-of-Province Hospital						
Payments	34.5	32.4	6.5			
Public Health	29.3	29.9	(2.0)			
Mental Health Services	56.4	56.6	(0.4)			
Ambulance Services	41.9	37.9	10.6			
Other	31.3	34.7	(9.8)			

- Overall growth in department budget is 8.9% over 2003-2004 estimates.
- Hospital Services budget includes non-capital equipment and hospital liability protection.
- OTHER includes Medical Education, Seniors' Rehab Equipment, Planning, information technology and administration.
- Public Health includes Provincial Epidemiology Service.

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2004-2005 Funding increase: \$131.3 million increase

Public Health and Medical Services: \$70.0 million increase

Prescription Drug Program \$17.5 million Medicare \$49.1 million Other \$3.4 million

Institutional Services: \$66.2 million increase

Hospital Services \$62.8 million Ambulance Services \$3.9 million

Other: \$4.9 million reduction/transfers

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Regional Health Authority Funding						
			Funding Increases			
Region	2003/2004 (Millions)	2004/2005 (Millions)	\$	%		
1 Beauséjour	96.6	103.9	7.3	7.6		
1 South-East	125.3	135.5	10.2	8.1		
2 Saint John	217.1	227.1	10.0	4.6		
3 Fredericton	151.2	158.7	7.5	4.9		
4 Edmundston	60.0	64.9	4.9	8.2		
5 Campbellton	56.4	57.6	1.2	2.2		
6 Bathurst	89.7	96.4	6.7	7.5		
7 Miramichi	45.3	46.9	1.6	3.5		
Total	841.6*	891.0*	49.4	5.9		

^{*}Includes other sources of funding (e.g. out-of-province patients, preferred accommodations, etc.)

The RHA Funding above include increases to programs, but do not include funds needed to meet the terms of unsigned collective agreements which will be added to Regional Health Authorities budgets as contracts are signed. The above funding does not include monies for mental health clinical services.

This funding is for the acute care hospital system, including the Extra-Mural Program and Addiction Services, under the Hospital Services Program direction.

The 2004-2005 funding level includes additional funds for known salary increases.