

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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Response to Issues

Issue #1: Cigarette Restitution Fund

Response: The DLS Overview provides an accurate update where the state is in regard to this issue. DHMH will continue to pursue this issue in an attempt to recoup all available funds from the settlement.

Issue #2: *America's Health Ranking, 2014*

Response: While DHMH was pleased with the rise in rankings, we continue to work to improve this ranking in future years. DHMH is looking at other initiatives that will serve to improve the health of all Marylanders.

Issue #3: Fiscal Year 2016 Reduction of 2% in General Funds

Response: DHMH is working with its programs and units to identify cost containment measures to comply with the 2% across the board Budget reduction for fiscal year 2015. Once this is determined, DHMH will then use this approach to address areas of reduction in fiscal year 2016.