Summary of Governor's Proposed Budget Implications and Impact

• Budget proposes to cut tobacco prevention and treatment funding from the current $7.8 million to $550k.
  
  o This represents a 93% cut to state tobacco funding.
  o A $7.3 million cut would likely mean:
    ▪ 8.6% increase in youth smoking rates (1).
    ▪ 1,320 more kids growing up now would die prematurely from smoking (1).
    ▪ $80.8 million increase in future healthcare expenditures in Maine (1).
  o Counter-marketing contract would be eliminated*.
  o Prevention services contract would be eliminated*.
  o Most, if not all, of cessation through Center for Tobacco Independence, would be eliminated*.

• Proposed budget includes a complete elimination of the State Obesity Program*.
  o Eliminates the Let’s Go! contract to provide obesity prevention programs statewide.
  o Elimination of the only state funded program which addresses the #2 cause of preventable death in the country.

• School-Based Health Center funding would be eliminated*.
  o Closing the doors of all 15 centers across Maine.
  o Causing 12,000 students to lose their access to their primary care system.

• 192 positions within DHHS would be eliminated. 27 of those jobs would be from the MeCDC which already lacked staffing to address basic public health needs.

• Budget proposes to supplant MaineCare funds with FHM dollars, which is specifically against the FHM statute (2).

*Based on budget analysis, not enough funds would remain to even partially fund these programs.

(2) [http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/22/title22sec1511.html](http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/22/title22sec1511.html)