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## **APHA to Continue Its Work on Performance Standards Program**

APHA will be continuing its work on performance standards for public health systems, thanks to funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In July, CDC granted APHA funds to continue its work on the standards for five years. The funding will mean APHA will continue to play a role in the National Public Health Performance Standards Program, which is working to develop performance standards, collect and analyze performance data and improve system-wide performance of essential public health services.

APHA is a member of the partnership leading the program, which includes the National Association of County and City Health Officials, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, National Association of Local Boards of Health, CDC and Public Health Foundation.

The National Public Health Performance Standards Program is working on three instruments - at the local, state and governance body levels - so that health workers may measure how well public systems are working in their communities. Early versions of the instruments were tested at the state level last year.

As part of its work on the performance standards program, APHA will work with its partners on a field manual for public health workers on the instruments. The Association will also work on a plan to market the performance standards program to health workers.

For more information on the performance standards program, visit [www.phppo.cdc.gov/nphpsp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/nphpsp) or call (202) 777-2491.

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