



## GEORGIA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

### 2015 LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

Georgia Public Health Association supports:

- Hold harmless funding in the FY2016 budget for those counties that would otherwise lose General Grant-in-Aid funding under the new distribution formula adopted in 2011.
- Increasing the total amount of Formula Grant-in-Aid dollars distributed to counties.
- Adequate funding and resources to support our local public health workforce in preventing disease, promoting wellness and preparing for emergencies.
- A \$1.00 per pack cigarette tax increase, or similar legislation that may be offered, including increased taxes on other tobacco products.
- Programs for the treatment and prevention of childhood obesity.
- Telehealth and telemedicine programs in rural areas.
- Programs and funding that will help stabilize and revitalize healthcare facilities and workforce in the rural areas of Georgia.
- Graduate Medical Education incentives that are designed to persuade primary care professionals to practice in Georgia and especially in rural areas of the state.
- The ongoing modernization of the Office of Vital Records.
- Capital funding that would enable the “enterprise systems modernization” at the Department of Public Health.

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