PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD DE PUERTO RICO

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Agency Mission
To prevent diseases, promote and maintain health so that each human being reaches physical, emotional, and social well-being that allows for the full enjoyment of life and contribution to the productive efforts of human society.

Top Five Priorities
1. Institutionalize the use of health information technology
2. Improve resource acquisition and management to optimize health impact
3. Strengthen the department of health using accreditation
4. Strengthen the infrastructure to support sustainable collaboration
5. Medicare and Medicare parity of funds

Structure and Relationship with Local Health Departments
The state/territorial health agency is a freestanding/independent agency.

Organizational Structure
The health official reports directly to the governor. The state/territory does not have a board of health.

Planning and Accreditation
The state/territorial health agency has developed the following within the past five years:
- ✔ Health Assessment
- X Health Improvement Plan
- ✔ Strategic Plan

The state/territorial agency plans to apply for accreditation, but has not yet registered in e-PHAB.

Agency Workforce
The state/territorial health agency has 4,894 FTEs.