



SC Public Health Services

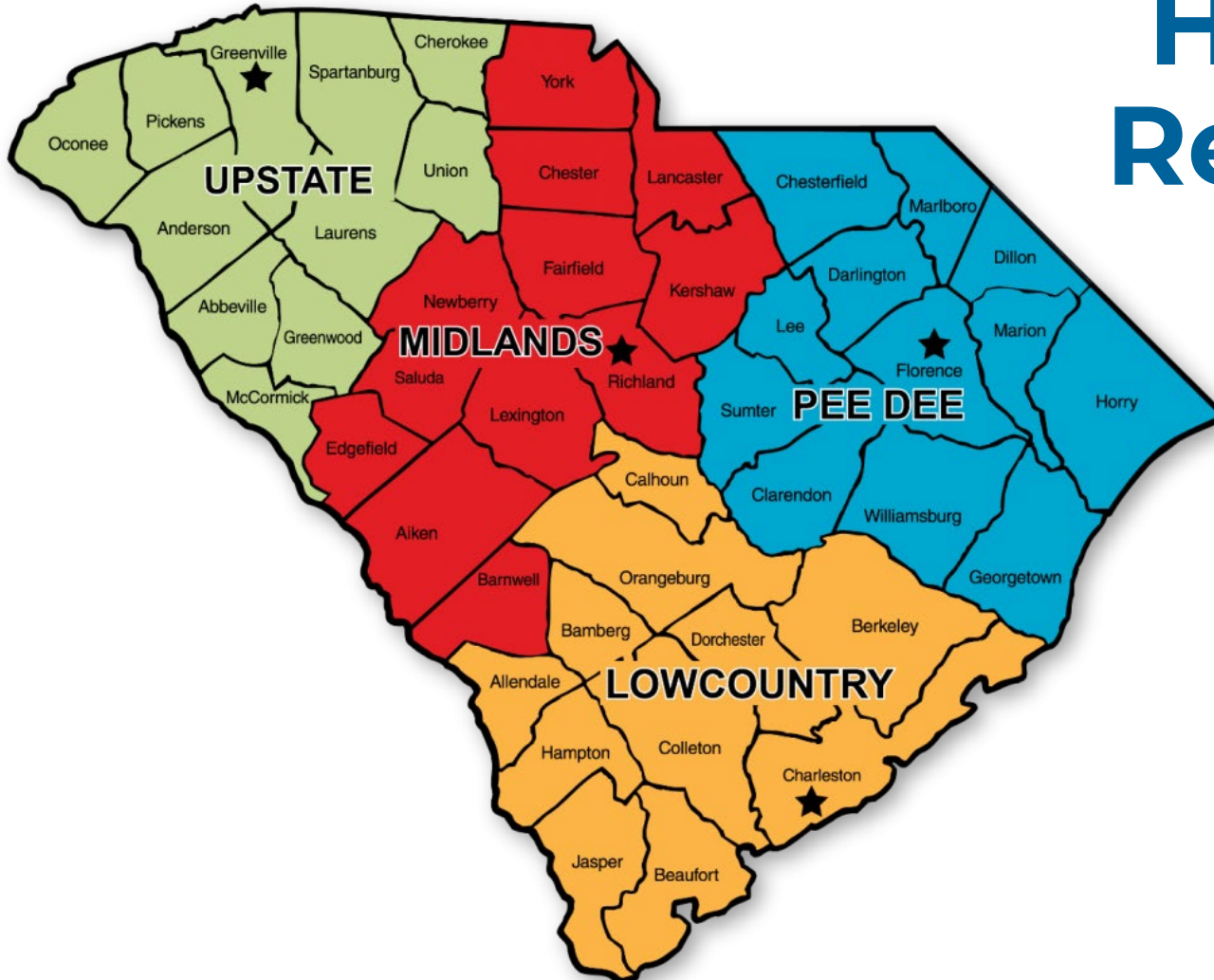
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OVERVIEW OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Local Health Department Services

- **DHEC manages and staffs at least one health department in each county**
- **Most services are provided at little to no cost to the client**
- **Services are billed to Medicaid or other health insurance providers**
- **Health departments do not provide traditional “sick care,” as most services are preventive in nature or related to infectious disease control.**



Local Health Department Services

Nutrition Services

- **WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Program**
 - *Nutrition services for pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, and children 5 years and under*
 - *≈ 85,494 eligible participants / mo. or 1.1 mil. / yr.*
 - *≈ \$4.4 mil. / mo. or \$52.8 mil. / yr. is spent in SC grocery stores*
 - *In addition to supplemental food:*
 - ***Breast feeding promotion and support***
 - ***Perform nutrition assessments***
 - ***Conduct nutrition education & counseling***
 - ***Special formulas program (prescription)***



Local Health Department Services

Maternal Child Health Program

- **Family Planning/Reproductive Health Services**
 - *Provide programs & education to help families plan their pregnancies*
- **Pregnancy Testing**
- **Postpartum/Newborn Home Visits from a Nurse**
 - *Service for Medicaid-eligible moms with a new baby*
- **Children & Youth w/Special Healthcare Needs**
 - *Objective is to improve the system of care for low incomes families or in areas with limited availability of care*
 - *For families whose children have developmental delays or disabling conditions*

Local Health Department Services

Preventive Health Program

- **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Diagnosis & Treatment**
 - *We test for HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, & other STIs*
- **STI Fast Track (can be done out in the community)**
 - *A quick, 15-minute appointment to get tested for STIs*
 - *Can be done out in the community (Mobile Units)*
- ***Disease Investigation Specialists***
 - *Perform Surveillance & intervention work*
 - *Work with special populations with increased risk for STIs & HIV*

Tuberculosis (TB) Program

- **Testing, diagnosis, treatment & management of TB clients**



Local Health Department Services

Vaccinations

- **Childhood vaccines: we offer the complete vaccine series that children need**
 - *No cost through the federal Vaccines for Children program*
- **Select adult vaccines are offered**
 - *Flu, pneumonia, tetanus/whooping cough, etc.*
 - *In many cases, costs are limited to the \$25 administration fee*

Local Health Department Services

Epidemiology (EPI) Program

- **Infectious & chronic disease surveillance, investigation, treatment, education, & prevention**
- **Epi. staff perform routine surveillance for over 75 diseases**
 - *Rabies*
 - *Eastern Equine Encephalitis*
 - *COVID*
 - *Monkeypox*
- **Analyze data & information pertaining to county's & neighborhoods**
 - *Develop reports and presentations (Data Walks)*



Local Health Department Services

Community Systems Staff- Health Educators

- **Community Health Assessment (CHA) & Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**
 - *Work with partners to perform assessments based on local input & reflect the overall health needs of a community*
 - *We partner with the local hospital to inform their Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) - required by IRS*
- **Policy & Systems Change Efforts**
 - *Substance Use – Tobacco & other drug use*
 - *Nutrition & Physical Activity – Healthy Eating / Active Living*



Local Health Department Services

Community Systems Staff (Continued)

- **Facilitate Community Coalitions – Health Planning**
 - *Plan & implement community health programs*
 - *Work to safeguard & improve the physical, mental, & social well-being of the community as a whole*
 - *Analyze data & information pertaining to counties, communities, & neighborhoods to develop reports & presentations (Data Walks)*
 - *Work with local county & city planners on design healthier communities*



Contacting DHEC for Services

- **Make an appointment at any health department in the state by:**
 - **Calling 1-855-4-SCDHEC (855-472-3432) from 8am – 6pm**
 - **Using “web chat” on our website (www.scdhec.gov)**



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