Department of Health Role

- License health care facilities
- Certify health care facilities for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid program.
  - Nursing Homes
  - Home Health
  - Home Care
  - Hospice
  - Ambulatory Surgery Centers
  - Hospitals
Healthy Pennsylvania: Improving Access

✓ Promote Access to Primary Health Care - Governor Corbett believes that every Pennsylvanian should have access to a family doctor and health care provider in order to increase use of preventive and primary care services in the Commonwealth.
Healthy Pennsylvania: Improving Access

✓ This year, Governor Corbett provided $4 million to build new and expanded community-based, primary care health clinics throughout Pennsylvania. (Community-Based Health Care Program)

✓ To continue this effort, Pennsylvania will submit an innovative proposal to the federal government to access funding for additional community-based, primary health care clinics across the state.

✓ $8 million proposed in Governor Corbett’s proposed budget for 2014-2015.
As part of **Healthy Pennsylvania**, the Governor will continue to support loan forgiveness programs to incentivize primary health care providers to practice in underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

- $4 million included in the Governor’s 2014-2015 proposed budget for loan forgiveness and residency programs.
Healthy Pennsylvania: Improving Access

Enhancing Care Delivery through Technology. Healthy Pennsylvania will continue to promote greater use of health information technology,

- including telemedicine and
- electronic health records, to bring high quality health care to all Pennsylvanians.
Promote Good Public Health

- Healthy Pennsylvania Public Health Summit – focusing on risk factors for chronic diseases and showcasing community programs.
- Continue to support and expand community-based health partnerships.
- The Department of Health completed a state health assessment and will begin working on a state health improvement plan.
Healthy Pennsylvania: Ensuring Quality

✓ Ensuring Safe & Appropriate Access to Prescription Medication.

✓ Governor Corbett will enhance the prescription drug monitoring program to enable health care professionals to improve better coordination of quality pain care for patients; help patients receive addiction treatment; and reduce the criminal diversion of prescription drugs.

✓ Support “Drug Take-Back” programs.