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**SAWYER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PASSES REVIEW BY STATE  
HEALTH OFFICIALS**

(MADISON, May 16, 2005)—State Health Officer Herb Bostrom announced that the Sawyer County Health Department has successfully passed the state's health department review.

“Sawyer County Health Department is working to make their community a healthier and safer place to live,” said Bostrom. “Their department has an actively engaged and supportive Health and Human Services Board, and does an excellent job of working with community partners to strengthen and support healthy families.”

State and regional level officials from the Division of Public Health conducted an on-site review, and as a result, the Sawyer County Health Department will maintain its Level II status.

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services is required to formally review the operations of all 94 Wisconsin local health departments at the county or municipality level at least every five years. The review establishes the health department as a level I, II or III agency. A level I agency meets the minimum requirements and a level III agency meets the maximum requirements established for a local health department.

The Sawyer County Health Department provides services important to the community, such as:

- Dental services
- WIC, a nutrition education and supplementation program for women, infants and children
- Childhood lead poisoning prevention

For information about the Sawyer County Health Department, visit:

[http://sawyercounty.gov/Health\\_&\\_Human\\_Services/PublicHealth.htm](http://sawyercounty.gov/Health_&_Human_Services/PublicHealth.htm).

For contact information for Wisconsin's local health departments, visit:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/index.htm>

For information about the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*, visit:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/>

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