



# FY 17 Budget: Obesity and tobacco prevention funding

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## **Reduce chronic diseases and health care costs with obesity and tobacco prevention funding**

- **Restore the \$300,000 in CHAMPPS obesity prevention funding that was eliminated last year**
- **Make a broader investment in obesity prevention similar to Vermont's comprehensive tobacco control program. (estimated at \$2 million)**
- **Restore funding to the tobacco program to \$3,971,996 million including restoring evaluation funding. (We've saved \$1.43 billion with our investment in tobacco prevention so far!)**

# Prevention spending can reign in Medicaid spending by reducing chronic diseases

## *Vermonters with low incomes:*

- **Have two times the rate of obesity**
- **Are four times more likely to have a heart attack**
- **Are two and a half times more likely to have a stroke**
- **And are three times more likely to have diabetes**

**Without an investment in obesity prevention, health care spending on chronic diseases will be unsustainable**

**According to the Robert Wood Johnson State of Obesity report, if Vermont takes no action:**

- **Vermont's 38,000 cases of heart disease will climb to 190,000 in the next 15 years.**
- **The 50,000 cases of diabetes will rise to 77,000**
- **Obesity-related cancer cases will increase from 10,200 to 27,700**