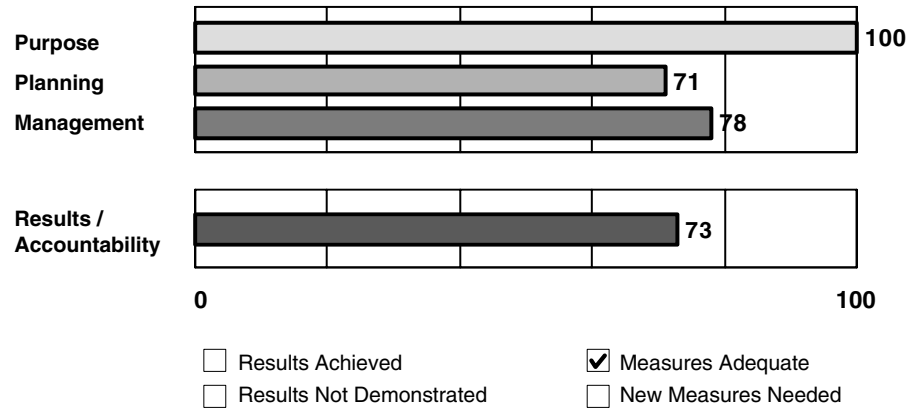


Program: Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG)

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Bureau: Health Resources and Services Administration



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Long-term Measure: National rate of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births (New measure)	1980		9.4
	1999		8.3
	2008	8	
Long-term Measure: National rate of infant deaths per 1,000 live births (Existing measure)	1995		7.6
	2000		6.9
	2008	6.5	
Annual Measure: National rate of illness and complications due to pregnancy per 100 deliveries (New measure)	1998		31.2
	1999		31.4
	2004	26	

Rating: Moderately Effective

Program Type: Block / Formula Grants

Program Summary:

The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG) provides grants primarily to States to: improve the health of all mothers and children, reduce infant mortality, provide access to comprehensive prenatal and postnatal care, and increase the number of children receiving health assessments.

The assessment found:

1. The program is well designed as a safety net to help improve the health of all mothers and children and to have a significant impact on the health of these populations.
2. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) regularly collects timely and credible performance data for this program and uses these data to manage the program. This information is used by internal and external experts to review each State's performance and budget data based on previous and future year projections.
3. The Block Grant is effectively achieving results and has mechanisms in place to regularly collect and report timely data.
4. Regular, independent and quality evaluations of the MCHBG are not conducted. Also, HRSA does not make budget decisions based on using a detailed system of costing that is linked to targets.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

1. Propose an increase of \$19 million above the 2003 Budget to support the program's strong performance and to ensure continued efforts to improve the health of all mothers and children.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
731	732	751