Federal OSHA does not need the state plans in its budget process, on address declining state plan funding as a budget priority. Again in FY 2007 the state’s portion remains flat - while federal OSHA received an increase of five percent.

OSHSPA states are a Congressional success story, and are effective and efficient users of state and federal dollars. The strong partnership with OSHA has placed State Plan Programs in a perfect position to develop successful grassroots solutions with representatives of labor, industry, academia, and the public.

At a minimum, State Plan Programs should currently be funded at an amount that would be in place had state plan funding kept pace with Federal OSHA funding over the last several years. Based on the original intent of Congress and the outcome of the state plans, the long-term goal should be to reach full 50 percent funding.

Impact of State Plan Programs

State Plan Programs cover about 40 percent of private sector workplaces. Additionally, OSHA expects the percentage of workplaces covered by state plan programs will increase to 45 percent. In FY 2007, state plans conducted over 57,000 inspections, identified nearly 125,000 violations and assessed over $70 million in penalties. (Charts 5 and 6)

Although the number of employers and employees continues to increase in many states, the net resources to address workplace hazards in state plans have declined due to inflation and unfunded mandates from OSHA. The potential impacts if this trend continues are reduced enforcement and outreach capabilities and smaller reductions in injuries, illnesses and fatalities. Without more resources, it may become very difficult for some state plans to operate their programs at least as effective as federal OSHA, which is a mandatory requirement under the law.

Federal OSHA has long recognized State Plan Programs for their innovative approaches to protecting working men and women across America. Together, OSHA and the State Plan Programs will continue to share the message that it pays to invest in safety and health – with the primary goal that workers across the country return from work safe and healthy at the end of the day.
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- Arizona
- California
- Connecticut
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oregon
- Puerto Rico
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wyoming

Covering Private Sector Only

- Alaska
- Connecticut
- New Jersey
- Virginia
- Virgin Islands

**State Plan Programs**

Currently, there are 26 states and territories with state-operated programs for worker safety and health. Twenty-one states and one territory have plans covering the private and public sectors. These states and one territory have programs covering the public sector only. OSHSPA links the 26 state-plan jurisdictions, federal OSHA jurisdictions and Congress.

State Plan Programs have historically led efforts to create multidisciplinary approaches for workplace safety and health. In addition to compliance activity, most states devote significant resources for outreach, including consultative services and training resources to employers and workers.

The OSHSPA states have established a strategic planning process that measures program outcomes based on each state’s unique knowledge of local work activity and hazards. This approach is consistent with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Each state’s strategic plan provides objective information for determining budget levels and enhances public confidence by showing program activities and results.

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