

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services
Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)
Component

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Component Mission

To maintain access to health care and to provide health coverage for Alaskans in need.

Component Services Provided

The Chronic Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) program provides a limited package of health services to those individuals with chronic medical conditions who do not qualify for the Medicaid program. To receive benefits under the CAMA program, low-income persons must have an immediate need for medical care and be unable to secure other private or public assistance. Income is limited to less than \$300 per month while total resources must be under \$500, with the exception of a home and vehicle. The CAMA program provided benefits that included necessary prescription drugs, limited physician visits, and required hospital care to 1,153 individuals in FY2000.

Component Goals and Strategies

To provide Alaskans in need with access to the same broad range of medical care through the same network of medical providers who provide services to the general population, and to conduct medical surveillance that assures provided medical services are appropriate and of the proper amount, duration, and scope.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

The CAMA program beneficiary caseload is anticipated to grow at an annual rate of 10 percent for the period FY01-02. This rate of growth can be attributed in part to a continued increase in the number of adults who lose Medicaid eligibility and subsequently enter the CAMA program. The cost of the basic services provided under CAMA is expected to remain consistent with the experience of the Medicaid program and other State-funded health programs.

The FY01 Authorized funding for the CAMA program is \$4,304.4 in general funds. The CAMA program was under-funded in FY00 and medical services claims had to be deferred for payment until July 1, 2000. Three months into the current fiscal year, one-half of the FY01 projected number of Alaskans who qualify for CAMA benefits were enrolled. Expenditures, excluding the deferred claims, exceeded one-third of FY01 authorized funds. The Department is closely monitoring the combined effects of the FY00 shortfall, CAMA enrollment numbers, and the cost of health care provided on FY01 expenditure levels.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

The CAMA program has continued to meet the acute medical needs of a growing caseload of extremely needy persons while the program remains under-funded.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statutes:

AS 47.07 Medical Assistance for Needy Persons

AS 47.08 Assistance for Catastrophic Illness and Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions

AS 47.25 Public Assistance

Social Security Act:

Title XVIII Medicare

Title XIX Medicaid

Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program

Administrative Code:

7 AAC 43 Medicaid

7 AAC 48 Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance

Code of Federal Regulations:

Title 42 CFR Part 400 to End

Key Performance Measures for FY2002

Measure: Please see Medical Assistance BRU performance measures.

(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY1999.)

Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see Medical Assistance BRU performance measures. 			X		

Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)**Component Financial Summary***All dollars in thousands*

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	3.9	0.0	0.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	3,649.6	4,304.4	4,734.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	3,653.5	4,304.4	4,734.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,508.5	4,304.4	4,734.4
1119 Tobacco Settlement	1,145.0	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	3,653.5	4,304.4	4,734.4

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

There are no changes to levels of service provided by the CAMA program.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	4,304.4	0.0	0.0	4,304.4
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increment for Catastrophic & Chronic Illness Utilization Growth	430.0	0.0	0.0	430.0
FY2002 Governor	4,734.4	0.0	0.0	4,734.4