

State of Alaska FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Senior Care Component Budget Summary

Component: Senior Care

Contribution to Department's Mission

Senior Care helps low-income seniors who are at least 65 years of age remain independent in the community by providing a cash or prescription drug benefit as well as information and referral services. The program bridges a gap in services for seniors until the federal Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit begins in January 2006.

Core Services

- Financial assistance or prescription drug benefit.
- Information and referral services.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2006 Component Budget: \$7,719,400	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

The program is scheduled to sunset in December 2005 or whenever the federal Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit is implemented whichever is later. Procedures must be developed to transition recipients from Senior Care to the new benefit program.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No significant changes are expected.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

- Cash benefits were provided to over 6,800 low-income seniors.
- Prescription drug benefits were added to the Senior Care package of services and provided to approximately 60 low-income seniors.
- Legislation passed during the 23rd Alaska Legislature establishing the Senior Care program and creating a new fund for the financing of services to seniors in Alaska.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Chapter 3 SLA 04

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**Senior Care
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	7.0	3.0
73000 Services	0.0	54.5	25.5
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	2,833.9	14,649.6	7,690.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,833.9	14,711.1	7,719.4
Funding Sources:			
1189 Senior Care Fund	2,833.9	14,711.1	7,719.4
Funding Totals	2,833.9	14,711.1	7,719.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	14,711.1	14,711.1
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Reduction Senior Care Program CH 3 SLA 04	0.0	0.0	-6,958.7	-6,958.7
-Decrease Senior Care Program Administration CH 3 SLA 04	0.0	0.0	-33.0	-33.0
FY2006 Governor	0.0	0.0	7,719.4	7,719.4