

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

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

Component: Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provides a limited package of health services to those individuals with chronic medical conditions who do not qualify for the Medicaid program.

Core Services

The CAMA program provides a limited package of health services to those individuals with chronic medical conditions who do not qualify for the Medicaid program. CAMA's limited benefits are used to reimburse providers of medical care treatment of a person suffering from illness or accident where unpaid medical costs incurred results in financial catastrophe to the person or the person's family.

For qualified applicants, a formula is developed to determine an applicant's share of the total medical expenses. This formula is adopted in light of appropriated funds and expected needs. This formula is derived based on the applicant's annual gross income, number of dependents, amount of assets, and forthcoming third-party payments. Once this criteria is taken into consideration, the applicant's share is calculated and shall be paid to the provider on a payment schedule covering a period of at least three years.

These funds provide services to Alaska's indigent for prescription drugs for the terminally ill, chemotherapy patients, and people with certain chronic conditions that without treatment would lead to disability, death, or financial disaster. No additional funding is requested for FY08.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
<p>FY2008 Component Budget: \$1,471,000</p>	<p>Personnel:</p>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

HCS is working to continue to provide payment for individuals with chronic medical conditions who do not qualify for the Medicaid program within the appropriated general fund amount through aggressive management of claiming adjustments for payments made by CAMA for individuals who become Medicaid eligible.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

No significant changes.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

The CAMA program provided payment for 1,051 individuals within the appropriated general fund amount in FY06 through regulations that reduced services provided and aggressive management of claiming adjustments for payments made by CAMA for individuals who become Medicaid eligible.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statutes:

AS 47.07 Medical Assistance for Needy Persons
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

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**Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,521.0	1,471.0	1,471.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,521.0	1,471.0	1,471.0
Funding Sources:			
1003 General Fund Match	50.0	0.0	0.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,471.0	1,471.0	1,471.0
Funding Totals	1,521.0	1,471.0	1,471.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	1,471.0	0.0	0.0	1,471.0
FY2008 Governor	1,471.0	0.0	0.0	1,471.0