

Implementation of a Medical Information System**FY2012 Request: \$1,000,000****Reference No: 46995****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Information Technology /
Systems / Communication**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Leslie Houston**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3339**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide funding to fully implement Medical Information System within the Alaska Corrections Offender Management System (ACOMS). Offenders are transported to various in-state correctional facilities, community residential centers and to the Out of State Contract Facility in Colorado. This system is necessary for department medical staff to track all medical information of an offender in one system that is accessible statewide. This project assists in providing secure confinement and keeping the community safe from offenders placed in the department's custody.

Funding:	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

No prior funding received for this project.

Project Description/Justification:

Today, medical records for inmates under the supervision of Department of Corrections are maintained as paper files. This records approach restricts the accessibility of information to authorized medical staff, does not support any form of automated tracking or reporting, and does not allow for programmatic validation of medical procedures, nor does it facilitate cost management measures.

National Consortium of Offender Management Systems (NCOMS), which provides the core modules for the current Department of Corrections Offender Information Management System, also has defined a medical support module which addresses the special medical system requirements for a corrections environment. A preliminary version of this module was created several years ago but was never adapted to the Alaska requirements. Utah, one of the NCOMS states, has continued to develop and improve the NCOMS Medical Module, and has had it in production for over two years.

This project has been created to import the Utah version of this module and to make the necessary changes to reflect and support the Alaska Department of Corrections medical processes and

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procedures. Additionally, the Department is exploring ways to collaborate with other states in this refinement of the Medical Module functionality.

This project should assist the department with cost containment measures. An electronic records system will eliminate duplicative services that are now being performed as offenders are transferred from one facility to another. In addition it will reduce costs associated with the storage and space currently being utilized by hard copy files.