

State of Alaska FY2019 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living Component Budget Summary

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide temporary assisted living funding to protect Alaska's vulnerable adults.

Core Services

- Provide temporary assisted living funding for vulnerable adults over the age of 18, as referred by Adult Protective Services investigators or community health professionals.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2017

The General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program served 846 clients in FY2017. The division worked closely with care coordinators, hospital discharge planners, assisted living homes, family members, and adult protective services to determine eligibility for the General Relief Program and match vulnerable adults with assisted living homes.

Ten general relief recipients will be offered an option to participate in the 811 supportive housing initial pilot, with additional recipients offered participation pending successful implementation of the pilot.

Key Component Challenges

Housing and service provision capacity development is a key need for many Alaskan communities. Based on population projections provided by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Alaska Commission on Aging predicts that the senior population (persons age 65+) in Alaska will increase from 74,853 in 2015 to 98,461 by the year 2020. The fraction of this population that requires significant assistance from the state will grow proportionately to the overall senior population.

The division has limited ability to transition individuals from institutions to home and community based settings.

Discrepancies in policies and procedures of the general relief programs administered by Senior and Disabilities Services and The Division of Behavioral Health create additional challenges for the division.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2019

Senior and Disabilities Services will collaborate with the Division of Behavioral Health to refinance the General Relief program to the 1115 demonstration waiver.

The division is in the process of implementing an Automated Service Plan system with a provider portal in support of the division's programs, including General Relief.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.65	Service Programs for Older Alaskans and Other Adults
PL 98-459	Public Law, Title III Older Americans Act, as Amended
AS 47.24	Protection of Vulnerable Adults
AS 47.33	Assisted Living Homes
45 CFR, Part 1321	Code of Federal Regulations
7 AAC 47.300	General Relief Assisted Living Home Care
7 AAC 43.170	Conditions for Payment
42 CFR, Part 440	Code of Federal Regulations, Services: General Provisions
7 AAC 43	Medical Assistance
AS 44.29.020	Department of Health and Social Services (Duties of department)

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**Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services**

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)
RDU: Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Conference Committee	FY2018 Authorized	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor	FY2018 Management Plan vs FY2019 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	8,223.9	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	8,223.9	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	6,981.3	6,401.1	6,401.1	6,401.1	6,401.1	0.0	0.0%
1037GF/MH (UGF)	1,242.6	740.3	740.3	740.3	740.3	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	8,223.9	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Health and Social Services

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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2018 Conference Committee To FY2018 Authorized *****												
FY2018 Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	7,141.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,141.4	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		6,401.1										
1037 GF/MH		740.3										
Subtotal		7,141.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,141.4	0.0	0	0	0

***** Changes From FY2018 Management Plan To FY2019 Governor *****												
Third Year Medicaid Reform; Telemedicine; Drug Database Ch25 SLA2016 (SB74)												
	OTI	-4,689.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4,689.9	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-4,689.9										

Fiscal Note 53 - SB 74

In part, SB74 authorizes Department of Health and Social Services to apply for federal waivers and options to reform the Medicaid program and to assess the most cost-effective method for revising expansion coverage.

Section 36 charges the department with "reducing the cost of... senior and disabilities services provided to recipients of medical assistance under the state's home and community-based services waiver."

Section 38(d) (1) of the bill directs the Department to apply for the 1915(i) option under Medicaid.

General Relief Temporary Assisted Living Program

	IncM	4,689.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,689.9	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		4,689.9										

Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS), with support from the Mental Health Trust, contracted with Health Management Associates (HMA) to conduct an in-depth study and analysis of 1915(i) and 1915(k) Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) options for four target populations in Alaska — individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia (ADRD), individuals with traumatic or acquired brain injury (TABI), and individuals with serious mental illness (SMI).

HMA recommended that Alaska and DHSS not move forward with the new 1915(i) HCBS program options because of the financial risk associated with the implementation of the programs. Current programs managed by SDS serving these target populations come with strong controls on spending. The 1915(i) option would not allow the division to target these service populations to the same level. If the division implemented the 1915(i) option, the resulting increase in the population served would eliminate any savings to the state provided by increased Federal match. HMA did recommend another alternative to increase federal funding at minimal risk to the state, providing a new 1915(c) waiver for one of the target populations, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. DHSS is moving forward with this recommendation and will see some, but not all of the savings projected from implementing 1915(i).

The division is moving forward with the other option, 1915(k), recommended by HMA, which has little potential for increasing the service population, unlike the 1915(i) option. However, these two changes will not provide savings to the state at the level initially estimated in the SB74 fiscal note. The division continues to investigate and pursue cost savings initiatives and has seen success in other areas including the Community Developmental Disabilities Grants component and

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Medicaid program.												
	Totals	7,141.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,141.4	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		8,223.9	7,141.4	7,141.4
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			8,223.9	7,141.4	7,141.4
7002	Benefits	General relief payments for assisted living housing and other supported costs for protecting and/or moving vulnerable adults from harm.	8,404.9	7,141.4	7,141.4
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		-181.0	0.0	0.0