

State of Alaska
FY2020 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services
Designated Evaluation and Treatment
Component Budget Summary

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Hospital-based designated evaluation and treatment services are provided to Alaskans experiencing mental health crises when the needs of those individuals in crisis exceed the treatment capacities of their local communities, including the service options of their grant-funded comprehensive behavioral health center staff, and when, as a result, these individuals are court-ordered to a designated evaluation and treatment facility for involuntary evaluation and / or treatment. Designated evaluation and treatment services are generally provided as close to each individual's home as possible, as promptly as possible, in a manner that informs the individual of his / her rights, and allows him / her to participate, to the extent possible, in their own treatment.

Core Services

- The Designated Evaluation and Treatment component provides fee-for-service funding on a payer-of-last resort basis to designated local community hospitals. These designated hospitals provide involuntary evaluation and treatment services to people court-ordered under Alaska Statute 47.30.655 – 47.30.915, and to people who meet commitment criteria but have agreed to voluntary services in lieu of commitment under Alaska Statute 47.31.010(b)(1)(B).
- A Designated Evaluation and Treatment facility may provide up to 72 hours of inpatient psychiatric evaluation; seven to ten days of crisis stabilization and treatment services; and 30 to 40 days of inpatient psychiatric hospital services as close to the consumer's home, family, and support systems as possible. Component funding also supports consumer and escort travel to the designated hospitals and back to their discharge placement.
- Designated Evaluation and Stabilization / Designated Evaluation and Treatment psychiatric emergency services are a costly component within the division's continuum of behavioral health services and are essential to controlling admissions to Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska's only public psychiatric hospital.
- There are Designated Evaluation and Stabilization hospitals located in Bethel and Ketchikan (Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital and PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center) and Designated Evaluation and Treatment (DET) hospitals located in the Northern Interior and Southeast Alaska regions (Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and Bartlett Regional Hospital). DET hospitals feature self-contained behavioral health units within each of their hospitals including full psychiatric care.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2018

With the implementation of Medicaid Expansion, more patients were approved for Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE) and retroactive Medicaid that covered their entire length of hospital stays, and used less Mental Health Treatment Assistance Program (MHTAP) state only funding, as a result.

Key Component Challenges

While Designated Evaluation and Stabilization (DES) and Designated Evaluation and Treatment (DET) services are a significant aspect of the division's continuum of behavioral health services, these services are subject to significant and enduring challenges:

- **Funding:** The Affordable Care Act took full effect in 2014, the current and primary funding source for Alaska's Designated Evaluation and Treatment (not stabilization) services – Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funds – will be reduced, as the DSH funds are scheduled to decline under the Affordable Care Act between 2016 and 2022.
- **Facilities:** Communities often lack adequate facilities or the professional staff necessary to safely stabilize persons experiencing local behavioral health emergencies. Local responders have sometimes detained people in local jails pending transport.
- **Workforce:** Designated Evaluation and Stabilization, Designated Evaluation and Treatment facilities, and local community behavioral health centers will continue to struggle with workforce issues including staff shortages and turnover. There is a need for ongoing training in the management of psychiatric emergencies and the short-term stabilization and treatment process.

- **Functioning Partnerships:** Maintaining functioning partnerships between local hospitals and community behavioral health providers and other key social service agencies, in order to facilitate efficient and effective shared responses to local behavioral health emergencies is a significant continuing challenge.
- **Response Time:** With the adoption of revised Alaska Court System forms relative to the emergency detention and involuntary commitment of persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis, the Division of Behavioral Health now faces significant pressure (both monetary and legal) to arrange transport of those persons subject to court-ordered involuntary 72-hour evaluation holds within 24 hours of the time and date of the court order.
- **Expansion of Designated Hospitals:** Over 80 percent of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute's annual admissions come from the Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage Bowl. The inability to successfully attract and fund new hospitals to provide Designated Evaluation and Stabilization and Designated Evaluation and Treatment services in these areas creates a backlog of court-ordered patients awaiting transfer to the Alaska Psychiatric Institute from hospital emergency rooms statewide.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2020

For the first time in many years, the Division is aware that there is interest by a local hospital in Mat-Su to provide Designated Evaluation and Treatment beds at this facility. Mat-Su Regional has submitted a Certificate of Need (CON) Application to build a 16-room psychiatric unit on the campus of the Mat-Su Regional Hospital, with agreement to provide DET services at this facility. Northstar Hospital has expressed interest in becoming a treatment facility and discussions with that hospital are ongoing. Either addition would greatly assist in diminishing the admissions pressures on Alaska Psychiatric Institute.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.07.030	Medical Services to be Provided
AS 47.07.040	State Plan for Provision of Medical Assistance
AS 47.07.073	Uniform Accounting, Budgeting, and Reporting
AS 47.30.520 - 620	Community Mental Health Services Act
AS 47.30.655 - 915	State Mental Health Policy
AS 47.30.011 - 061	Mental Health Trust Authority
7 AAC 43.687	Disproportionate Share Hospital
7 AAC 150.170(8)	Allowable Reasonable Operating Costs
7 AAC 150.180	Methodology and Criteria for Additional Payments as a Disproportionate Share Hospital
7 AAC 78	Grant Programs
7 AAC 71	Community Mental Health Services
7 AAC 72	Civil Commitment
13 AAC 60.010 – 900	Licensing of Security Guards and Security Guard Agencies
AS 18.65.400 – 490	Police Protection

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (1014)
RDU: Behavioral Health (483)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Conference Committee	FY2019 Authorized	FY2019 Management Plan	FY2020 Governor	FY2019 Management Plan vs FY2020 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	3,716.9	10,794.8	10,794.8	10,794.8	3,794.8	-7,000.0	-64.8%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	3,716.9	10,794.8	10,794.8	10,794.8	3,794.8	-7,000.0	-64.8%
Fund Sources:							
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	3,716.9	3,794.8	3,794.8	3,794.8	3,794.8	0.0	0.0%
1248 ACHI Fund (DGF)	0.0	7,000.0	7,000.0	7,000.0	0.0	-7,000.0	-100.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	3,716.9	3,794.8	3,794.8	3,794.8	3,794.8	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	7,000.0	7,000.0	7,000.0	0.0	-7,000.0	-100.0%
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

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (1014)
RDU: Behavioral Health (483)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2019 Conference Committee To FY2019 Authorized *****												
FY2019 BH Evaluation and Treatment for Hospital-based Mental Health Care Sec13a Ch17 SLA2018 P74 L5 (HB286)(FY19-FY20)												
1248 ACHI Fund	ConfC(L)	7,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
		7,000.0										
The sum of \$7,000,000 is appropriated from the Alaska comprehensive health insurance fund (AS 21.55.430) to the Department of Health and Social Services, behavioral health, designated for evaluation and treatment for hospital-based mental health care for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020.												
FY2019 Conference Committee												
1037 GF/MH	ConfCom	3,794.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,794.8	0.0	0	0	0
		3,794.8										
Subtotal		10,794.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10,794.8	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2019 Management Plan To FY2020 Governor *****												
Reverse FY2019 BH Evaluation and Treatment for Hospital-based Mental Health Care Sec13a Ch17 SLA2018 P74 L5 (HB286)(FY19)												
1248 ACHI Fund	OTI	-7,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
		-7,000.0										
Reverse language section transaction from the base budget.												
Totals		3,794.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,794.8	0.0	0	0	0

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

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (1014)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
7000	Grants, Benefits		3,716.9	10,794.8
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			3,716.9	10,794.8
7002	Benefits	Travel, Physician, and Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Services	2,763.8	10,794.8
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		953.1	0.0