

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2020 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Foster Care Base Rate**  
**Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Foster Care Base Rate**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Reimburse licensed foster parents for the basic needs of foster children in their care.

**Core Services**

- Reimburses foster parents for the basic and ongoing costs of raising a child.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2018**

Provided foster care services to a monthly average of 1938 full-time equivalents. Full-time equivalents are used to compensate for the movement of children in and out of the program. As a result of the increase of children in care, payments to licensed foster homes increased significantly.

**Key Component Challenges**

The Office of Children's Services continues recruitment efforts for foster parents to meet the needs of Alaska's foster children. Not having enough foster homes that are culturally aligned and adequately trained impacts the ability of Office of Children's Services to place children in homes where their best interests can be served. Not having enough appropriate placement options also increases the likelihood of multiple placements for children and is contradictory to the best interests of a child, and the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

Foster care base rates are computed and reviewed on an annual basis to determine if established rates are sufficient for the daily care and supervision of a child in a licensed foster care placement. Consideration must be given to the need of a methodology to periodically and systematically adjust the daily rate to equitably compensate, recruit, and retain foster parents.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2020**

No anticipated changes in results to be delivered.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

47.05.065(3)	Legislative Findings Related to Children
47.10	Children in Need of Aid
47.14.010	Duties of Department
47.14.100	Powers and duties of department over care of child
47.17	Child Protection
47.40	Purchase of Services
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Care Foster Care Payments
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income

Titles IV-E of the Social Security Act

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

**Component:** Foster Care Base Rate (2236)  
**RDU:** Children's Services (486)

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	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	85.5	202.5	202.5	202.5	0.0	-202.5	-100.0%
74000 Commodities	0.2	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	20,312.1	19,948.9	19,948.9	19,948.9	20,151.4	202.5	1.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,398.3</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	4,745.9	7,218.1	7,218.1	7,218.1	7,218.1	0.0	0.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	4,584.5	4,322.3	4,322.3	4,322.3	4,322.3	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	7,945.6	3,011.0	3,011.0	3,011.0	3,011.0	0.0	0.0%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	3,122.3	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>12,530.1</b>	<b>7,333.3</b>	<b>7,333.3</b>	<b>7,333.3</b>	<b>7,333.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>3,122.3</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>4,745.9</b>	<b>7,218.1</b>	<b>7,218.1</b>	<b>7,218.1</b>	<b>7,218.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
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 FY2019 Conference Committee To FY2019 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2019 Conference Committee</b>												
	ConfCom	20,151.4	0.0	0.0	202.5	0.0	0.0	19,948.9	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		7,218.1										
1003 G/F Match		4,322.3										
1004 Gen Fund		3,011.0										
1005 GF/Prgm		5,600.0										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>202.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19,948.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2019 Management Plan To FY2020 Governor *****												
<b>Align expenditures for foster care payments to providers</b>												
	LIT	0.0	0.0	0.0	-202.5	0.0	0.0	202.5	0.0	0	0	0
Align expenditures for foster care payments. A reimbursable services agreement providing for finger-printing and background checks was moved to the Front Line Social Workers component in order to effectively claim federal reimbursement.												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Travel**

**Component:** Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
2000	Travel		0.5	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>2000 Travel Detail Totals</b>			<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>
2000	In-State Employee Travel		0.5	0.0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Services**

**Component:** Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
3000	Services		85.5	202.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>85.5</b>	<b>202.5</b>
3002	Legal and Judicial Services		0.2	0.0
3011	Other Services		0.0	50.0
3036	Inter-Agency Safety		0.0	152.5
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	H&SS - Residential Licensing (245)	85.3	0.0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Commodities**

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
4000	Commodities		0.2	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>4000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
4000	Business		0.1	0.0
4002	Household/Institutional		0.1	0.0

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

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
7000	Grants, Benefits		20,312.1	19,948.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>20,312.1</b>	<b>19,948.9</b>
7002	Benefits	Reimbursement to foster care providers for the basic ongoing needs of a foster child. Costs include but are not limited to items such as; food, clothing, shelter, personal, and grooming items.	20,242.1	19,948.9
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		70.0	0.0

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

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Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)</b>			<b>4,745.9</b>	<b>7,218.1</b>
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Title IV-E of the Social Security Act funding	4,745.9	7,218.1
<b>5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)</b>			<b>3,122.3</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>
5115 Program Receipts Health & Human Svcs - Charges for Services		General Fund Program Receipts ability to receive SSI/SSA and Child support	3,122.3	5,600.0
<b>6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)</b>			<b>22.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			21.5	0.0
6048 General Fund - Stale Dated Warrants			0.9	0.0

**Inter-Agency Services (1682)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

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			FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>Component Totals</b>			<b>85.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
With Department of Health and Social Services			85.3	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	H&SS - Residential Licensing (245)	85.3	0.0