

State of Alaska
FY2021 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Corrections
Health and Rehabilitation Services
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

Health and Rehabilitation Services Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide essential health care and rehabilitation treatment services to offenders who are committed to the custody of the department.

Core Services

- Provide Required Behavioral Health Care Services
- Provide Required Physical Health Care Services
- Provide Required Substance Abuse Treatment Program
- Provide Required Sex Offender Management Program
- Provide Domestic Violence Program

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2019

The Department of Corrections expanded Medication Assisted Treatment programming to assist in bridging methadone for people with opioid addiction who are in custody for 30 days or less. This was accomplished through a collaboration with community based opioid treatment providers (OTP).

In an effort to improve the consistency and quality of assessments conducted, the department trained 20 staff members and contracted staff on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria. ASAM is considered the gold standard related to substance use disorder conditions. It is the most widely used and comprehensive set of guidelines for placement, continued stay and transfer/discharge of patients with addictions and co-occurring conditions.

Continued to partner with Department of Health and Social Services to make Medicaid funding available to offenders while still in custody. Through these efforts the department continues to avoid medical expenditures. During FY2019 there were 154 hospitalizations that were covered by Medicaid for offenders who were hospitalized more than 24 hours.

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Key RDU Challenges

Deliver essential mental health services, given the rise in acuity and the increase in number of mentally ill who are being incarcerated.

Containment of health care costs for an aging offender population, increased chronic health conditions, and increased acute cases while meeting operational expectations.

Mentally ill offenders are being placed under the department's custody in worse shape than ever before. This is evidenced by:

- More use of restraints to keep acute individuals safe
- Increased number of offenders who are so seriously mentally ill that they meet criteria for involuntary medication
- Release to Alaska Psychiatric Institute directly from jail has become commonplace

While housing access has improved, more housing is needed to address the needs of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust) beneficiaries. The Interagency Council, the Trust, and housing coalitions are working to improve access to safe, sober and appropriate housing resources for all Alaskans, including those being released from

correctional facilities.

Standardization of records through an electronic system.

Transition from institutional treatment programs to limited community based treatment options and referrals including community residential center beds, sex offender management programs and treatment providers, and residential substance abuse after care programs. Release of offenders on probation or parole to viable release plans is premised on those realistically available resources.

Continue to develop and modify Sex Offender Management programs using recognized best practices in the field of sex offender management in both the institutional and community setting. This includes community safety, victim orientation, offender accountability, structure and consistency, quality control, and collaboration with other disciplines and entities.

Limited community resources available for sex offenders being released who require treatment, supervision, basic needs and affordable housing.

Identify incentives to encourage offenders to enter and complete domestic violence education.

Continued increases in domestic violence convictions leading to increased demands on Batterers Intervention Programs (BIP). These programs are tasked with educating men and women convicted of domestic violence.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021

Bolster offender reentry by creating a reentry component in the Health and Rehabilitation Services RDU.

The Reentry Unit's ultimate goals include crime reduction, fewer victims, reduced state and local criminal justice costs and, most importantly safer families and communities. More than 95% of offenders under the custody of the Department of Corrections will return to their communities.

The Reentry Unit will work to ensure offenders have available a series of programs while in custody designed to address their criminogenic needs and that they are connected to supportive programming and resources upon release.

The public is best served if offenders are not only held accountable for their actions, but also have the opportunity to become law abiding and successful members of society. Without some form of human intervention or services there is unlikely to be much effect on recidivism from punishment alone.

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**Health and Rehabilitation Services
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2019 Actuals				FY2020 Management Plan				FY2021 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Health and Rehab Director's Ofc	914.2	0.0	0.0	914.2	999.0	0.0	0.0	999.0	1,009.3	0.0	0.0	1,009.3
Physical Health Care	31,919.3	11,062.9	0.0	42,982.2	40,297.8	17,796.4	0.0	58,094.2	54,236.3	12,167.0	0.0	66,403.3
Behavioral Health Care	7,918.8	372.8	0.0	8,291.6	7,996.5	584.1	0.0	8,580.6	8,095.1	508.4	0.0	8,603.5
Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	4,562.9	140.4	138.0	4,841.3	5,448.9	70.8	65.0	5,584.7	5,450.9	70.8	140.0	5,661.7
Sex Offender Management Program	2,825.4	0.0	0.0	2,825.4	3,098.7	0.0	0.0	3,098.7	3,111.2	0.0	0.0	3,111.2
Domestic Violence Program	174.7	0.0	0.0	174.7	175.0	0.0	0.0	175.0	175.0	0.0	0.0	175.0
Reentry Unit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	746.1	0.0	0.0	746.1
Totals	48,315.3	11,576.1	138.0	60,029.4	58,015.9	18,451.3	65.0	76,532.2	72,823.9	12,746.2	140.0	85,710.1

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Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2020 Management Plan to FY2021 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2020 Management Plan	52,885.6	5,130.3	18,451.3	65.0	76,532.2
One-time items:					
-Behavioral Health Care	0.0	0.0	-398.5	0.0	-398.5
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Health and Rehab Director's Ofc	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3
-Physical Health Care	9,261.4	-3,253.6	-5,629.4	0.0	378.4
-Behavioral Health Care	98.6	0.0	322.8	0.0	421.4
-Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	-1,101.6	1,103.6	0.0	0.0	2.0
-Sex Offender Management Program	-1,987.5	2,000.0	0.0	0.0	12.5
-Domestic Violence Program	-175.0	175.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proposed budget increases:					
-Physical Health Care	8,722.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	8,722.4
-Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	75.0
-Reentry Unit	746.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	746.1
Proposed budget decreases:					
-Physical Health Care	0.0	-791.7	0.0	0.0	-791.7
FY2021 Governor	68,460.3	4,363.6	12,746.2	140.0	85,710.1