

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2021 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Alaska Pioneer Homes**  
**Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

## Alaska Pioneer Homes Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Providing elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath.

### Results

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)

#### Core Services

- Memory Care
- Personal Care and Assistance
- Activities
- Food Service
- Provide a Home

#### Measures by Core Service

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##### 1. Memory Care

##### 2. Personal Care and Assistance

##### 3. Activities

##### 4. Food Service

##### 5. Provide a Home

### Major RDU Accomplishments in 2019

- Served 592 elders, which is an increase of 25 elders over FY2018; 56 percent required the highest level of service.
- The Palmer Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home successfully converted 14 of their 79 beds to a Veterans' Administration nursing home designation, increasing Veterans' Administration reimbursement rates for this home.
- Implemented rate adjustments to align rates with the cost of providing services. These regulatory changes were adopted on July 31, 2019 and became effective September 1, 2019.
- Conducted a feasibility study on hospitality services which revealed significant cost savings if privatized. Transition was completed September 1, 2019.
- Proposed regulations to Title 7 of the Alaska Administration Code increasing levels of service and adding two additional levels of service offered within the homes to clearly define the services each resident receives in the continuum of care offered within a Pioneer Home.

### Key RDU Challenges

- An increasing number of elders on the division's waitlist are requesting to move into the memory care unit or higher levels service due to more complex health care needs. Fewer elders are transferring to the active waitlist for lower levels of service, which is keeping some beds unoccupied. Memory care and higher levels of service require a higher staffing ratio as well as accessible rooms and bathrooms. Staff are currently evaluating low cost opportunities to add additional memory care or higher level beds.
- Continuously identifying areas of efficiencies for the five Pioneer Homes, the Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home and the centralized Pioneer Homes pharmacy.
- Identifying psychiatric services and geriatric psychiatric residential care facilities for residents that have behavioral health needs or complex dementia-related behaviors beyond the scope of the Pioneer Homes.

- Recruiting and retaining skilled direct care personnel with competencies in best practices for aging and dementia care.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021**

- The pharmacy will interface ProScript and PointClickCare which will create efficiencies for both the homes and pharmacy.
- The division will make twenty-two additional beds available on the fourth floor of the Anchorage Pioneer Home, the division is also continuing to explore ways to best utilize this space to meet the needs of Alaska's vulnerable populations.
- The division is modernizing billable elder supply tracking by converting to an electronic platform. This will allow for consistency and accuracy, reducing errors while improving efficiencies.
- The division is restructuring direct care oversight by moving a Health Practitioner to the central office. This will provide a higher level of consistency throughout all six homes, improve outcomes and establishing efficiencies in direct care.
- The division is conducting a thorough review of organizational structure within each home to ensure efficiencies and alignment with best practices.

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**Alaska Pioneer Homes  
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
<b>Formula Expenditures</b>												
APH Payment Assistance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25,902.8	0.0	0.0	25,902.8	30,902.8	0.0	0.0	30,902.8
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	1,274.3	0.0	0.0	1,274.3	1,628.0	0.0	0.0	1,628.0	1,654.2	0.0	0.0	1,654.2
Pioneer Homes	50,055.5	6,961.4	976.8	57,993.7	29,948.7	43,832.3	1,577.8	75,358.8	27,702.7	36,647.8	1,594.2	65,944.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51,329.8</b>	<b>6,961.4</b>	<b>976.8</b>	<b>59,268.0</b>	<b>57,479.5</b>	<b>43,832.3</b>	<b>1,577.8</b>	<b>102,889.6</b>	<b>60,259.7</b>	<b>36,647.8</b>	<b>1,594.2</b>	<b>98,501.7</b>

**Alaska Pioneer Homes**  
**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>
<b>FY2020 Management Plan</b>	<b>27,340.3</b>	<b>30,139.2</b>	<b>43,832.3</b>	<b>1,577.8</b>	<b>102,889.6</b>
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	11.6	14.6	0.0	0.0	26.2
-Pioneer Homes	0.0	346.2	223.3	16.4	585.9
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-APH Payment Assistance	5,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,000.0
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>					
-Pioneer Homes	0.0	-2,592.2	-7,407.8	0.0	-10,000.0
<b>FY2021 Governor</b>	<b>32,351.9</b>	<b>27,907.8</b>	<b>36,647.8</b>	<b>1,594.2</b>	<b>98,501.7</b>