

State of Alaska FY2022 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 (DET)/Designated Evaluation and Stabilization (DES) services are provided to Alaskans experiencing mental health crises. When the needs of individuals in crisis exceed the treatment capacities of their local communities, including the service options of their grant-funded comprehensive behavioral health center staff, 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 2020

Mat-Su Regional Hospital was added as a DET in 2020 and increased the number of DET beds available in that region by sixteen.

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:

- Facilities: Communities often lack adequate facilities or the professional staff necessary to safely stabilize individuals experiencing local behavioral health emergencies.
- Workforce: Designated Evaluation and Stabilization and 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.
- Expansion of Designated Hospitals: Over 80 percent of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute's annual admissions come from the Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage Bowl.
- COVID-19: Transportation costs have increased due to the closing of and limited flights on smaller regional airlines. Many individuals are being transported via charter flights. The transportation costs are increasing due to a larger amount of time waiting at airport lines for safety and health checks and additional time cleaning transport

vehicles. Due to COVID-19 many hospitals are taken limited admissions, and this has increased the burden to other DET's and has increased the transportation costs.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

The implementation of the 1115 Waiver will be a phased-in approach, as region-by-region the crisis system responds to individuals in crisis with options to meet their needs. Within five years, the division aims to reduce the cost of care for statewide services. The new services will include peer crisis support, mobile crisis response, up to 23-hour crisis stabilization and short-term residential crisis stabilization. These services will reduce the high cost of care, treat people at the level they need and reduce the reliance on Designated Evaluation and Treatment beds.

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
AS47.30.870	Transportation
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

	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Conference Committee	FY2021 Authorized	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor	FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 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	5,250.8	2,794.8	2,794.8	2,794.8	2,794.8	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	4,781.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	5,250.8	7,576.1	2,794.8	2,794.8	2,794.8	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	1,195.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	3,586.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	3,016.3	2,794.8	2,794.8	2,794.8	2,794.8	0.0	0.0%
1248 ACHI Fund (DGF)	2,234.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	3,016.3	7,576.1	2,794.8	2,794.8	2,794.8	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	2,234.5	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 FY2021 Conference Committee To FY2021 Authorized *****												
Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	7,576.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,794.8	4,781.3	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		1,195.3										
1004 Gen Fund		3,586.0										
1037 GF/MH		2,794.8										
Await Morse Ruling Final Judgement - Designated Evaluation, Stabilization & Treatment, Non-IMD DSH and Secure Transport												
	Veto	-4,781.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4,781.3	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-1,195.3										
1004 Gen Fund		-3,586.0										
This item was added to the budget in anticipation of the Morse Ruling (case number: 3AN-18-09814CI). Rather than speculate as to the outcome of that ruling, it is more appropriate to wait for a final judgement or settlement to ensure that the terms ordered by the presiding judge match appropriations made in satisfaction of that ruling.												
	Subtotal	2,794.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,794.8	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
	Totals	2,794.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,794.8	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		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		5,250.8	2,794.8	2,794.8
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			5,250.8	2,794.8	2,794.8
7001	Grants		129.6	0.0	0.0
7002	Benefits	Travel, Physician, and Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Services. Designated Evaluation and Treatment/ Designated Evaluation and Stabilization Agreements	5,121.2	2,794.8	2,794.8