

State of Alaska
FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget

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

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide for the cost to care for foster children with physical, developmental, and mental disabilities, in addition to the already provided foster care base rate.

Core Services

- Reimburses foster care providers for extraordinary costs and higher levels of supervision not otherwise covered by the Foster Care Base Rate program.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2020

The Office of Children's Services provided augmented difficulty-of-care benefits for 269 children. Children who qualify for these rates have special needs that require more intensive care from the foster parent. Covered benefits include additional training for the caregivers, and the additional management and supervision of children due to mental or physical disabilities, physical aggression, sexual disorders, and social conflict issues. The Office of Children's Services has made steps to centralize the initial and continued assessment of augmented rates into the State Office Service Array unit. Additional changes are required for the Online Resource for Children of Alaska.

Key Component Challenges

The Office of Children's Services continues to experience an increase in the number of children receiving an intensive augmented rate because of children being wait listed for a Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver services. Additionally, continuation of the intensive augmentation may be necessary while the youth is on a Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver when necessary services are unavailable in the child's location. The Office of Children's Services is also experiencing an increase in the number of children considered as difficult to place. The current augmentation structure and rate has not met the needs of this cohort of children in care in traditional foster care home settings. It is possible that regulation change is needed to meet the placement needs of these children.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

- The Office of Children's Services performs an annual analysis and evaluation of the foster care augmented rates to ensure that the foster care augmented rates continue to meet the needs of children in care.
- The Office of Children's Services will centralize the review and assessment of augmented rates for consistency and continued evaluation.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010	Duties of department
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.14.100	Powers and Duties of Department Over Care of Child
AS 47.17	Child Protection
AS 47.40	Purchase of Services
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Foster Care Payment Rates and Difficulty-of-Care Augmentation
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

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

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (2237)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

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	1,336.4	1,621.1	1,621.1	1,502.6	1,502.6	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	1,336.4	1,621.1	1,621.1	1,502.6	1,502.6	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	188.2	188.2	188.2	0.0	-188.2	-100.0%
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	243.0	368.5	368.5	250.0	250.0	0.0	0.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	593.4	564.4	564.4	564.4	752.6	188.2	33.3%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	1,093.4	1,252.6	1,252.6	1,252.6	1,252.6	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	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	243.0	368.5	368.5	250.0	250.0	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: Foster Care Augmented Rate (2237)
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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	1,621.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,621.1	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		188.2										
1002 Fed Rcpts		368.5										
1003 G/F Match		564.4										
1037 GF/MH		500.0										
Subtotal		1,621.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,621.1	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Authorized To FY2021 Management Plan *****												
Transfer to Foster Care Base Rate for Payments to Providers of Foster Care												
	Trout	-118.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-118.5	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		-118.5										
Transfer from Foster Care Augmented Rate to Foster Care Base Rate for payments to providers of foster care. Federal authority is needed in the Foster Care Base Rate component due to a higher percentage of Title IV-E eligible children. The remaining Foster Care Augmented Rate authority is sufficient to perform the core services of the component.												
Subtotal		1,502.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,502.6	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
Fund Source Adjustment of CBRF to UGF												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-188.2										
1003 G/F Match		188.2										
Replace Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (CBRF) used as a one-time funding mechanism in FY2021.												
Totals		1,502.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,502.6	0.0	0	0	0

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

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (2237)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		1,336.4	1,502.6	1,502.6
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	1,336.4	1,502.6	1,502.6
7002	Benefits	Reimbursements to foster care providers for extraordinary costs and higher levels of supervision not covered by the Foster Care Base Rate program. These costs include but are not limited to; difficulty of care maintenance payments, teen parent/baby services and equipment, and the costs of care for medically fragile children.	1,316.4	1,502.6	1,502.6
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		20.0	0.0	0.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (2237)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			246.2	250.0	250.0
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Title IV-E of the Social Security Act - federal reimbursement based on allowable expenses.	246.2	250.0	250.0