

State of Alaska FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health 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 2021

The Office of Children's Services provided augmented difficulty-of-care benefits for 316 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 taken steps to centralize the initial and continued assessment of augmented rates into the state.

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 waitlisted for 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. A possible change to the regulation is being considered to meet the placement needs of these children.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

- 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 continue efforts to 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

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

Formula Component

	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Conference Committee	FY2022 Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	FY2022 Management Plan vs FY2023 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	1,510.7	1,502.6	1,502.6	1,502.6	0.0	-1,502.6	-100.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	1,510.7	1,502.6	1,502.6	1,502.6	0.0	-1,502.6	-100.0%
Fund Sources:							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	325.5	250.0	250.0	250.0	0.0	-250.0	-100.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	685.2	752.6	752.6	752.6	0.0	-752.6	-100.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	-500.0	-100.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	1,185.2	1,252.6	1,252.6	1,252.6	0.0	-1,252.6	-100.0%
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	325.5	250.0	250.0	250.0	0.0	-250.0	-100.0%
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

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

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2022 Conference Committee To FY2022 Authorized *****												
FY2022 Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	1,502.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,502.6	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		250.0										
1003 G/F Match		752.6										
1037 GF/MH		500.0										
Subtotal		1,502.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,502.6	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2022 Management Plan To FY2023 Governor *****												
Executive Order Transfer to the Department of Family and Community Services												
	Atout	-1,502.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1,502.6	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		-250.0										
1003 G/F Match		-752.6										
1037 GF/MH		-500.0										
Totals		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

By Executive Order, the Department of Health and Social Services will be reorganized into two distinct departments: the Alaska Department of Health and the Alaska Department of Family and Community Services. This reorganization streamlines and improves the delivery of critical programs and services while creating more flexibility and responsiveness in both departments resulting in improved outcomes.

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

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (2237)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		1,510.7	1,502.6	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	1,510.7	1,502.6	0.0
7002	Benefits		1,480.7	1,502.6	0.0
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		30.0	0.0	0.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (2237)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code)	Component	Comment	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			325.5	250.0	0.0
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants			325.5	250.0	0.0