

State of Alaska
FY2024 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 2022

Opened the newly constructed Integrated Care Unit at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center (HMCC) in June of 2022, increasing mental health bed capacity from 18 to 23, and adding a detox/infirmery. The new unit provides a more therapeutic environment and adds a group treatment room for this female population.

Continued to provide Hepatitis C treatment to all offenders with active virus in the bloodstream. The department has the highest concentration of individuals with this diagnosis and with the availability of new curative medications, the department plays a vital role in eradicating this disease. During FY2022, 121 offenders were treated for Hepatitis C.

Continued to operate an on-site dialysis clinic at Goose Creek Correctional Center (GCCC). This clinic has four dialysis chairs and can provide treatment services to up to twelve patients. Providing these services on-site not only avoids expensive community contracts but also eliminates use of two officers transporting inmates to treatment three times a week. During FY2022 ten offenders received four-hour infusions, three times per week.

Opened Palmer Correctional Center (PCC) 30 bed subacute mental health unit. This provides mental health services to mentally ill offenders who do not need hospital level care but who are not yet ready or able to function in general population.

Key RDU Challenges

Staff facilities off the road system with traveling correctional and medical employees.

Increase in the number of offenders and complex and severely ill individuals entering Department of Corrections (DOC).

Delivery of essential mental health services, given the rise in acuity and the increase in number of mentally ill who are being incarcerated along with the unique challenge of providing services to non-criminal Title 47 individuals who are held in protective custody within a DOC facility while awaiting transfer to inpatient treatment.

Containment of health care costs for an aging offender population, increased chronic health conditions and increased medical needs due to complex substance abuse issues while meeting operational expectations.

Due to increasingly complex mental illness often exacerbated by complicated substance abuse issues, mentally ill offenders are coming into the department's custody in worse shape than ever before.

While housing access has improved, more housing is needed to address the needs of the reentrants, particularly those with serious mental health needs. The Interagency Council, the Mental Health Trust, housing and reentry coalitions are working to improve access to safe, sober and appropriate housing resources for all Alaskans, including those being released from correctional facilities.

Due to a lack of treatment providers and treatment bed space, transition from institutional treatment programs to limited community-based treatment options is very limited. This includes referrals to community residential treatment 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.

Ensuring that prior to release, offenders are involved with the writing of a release plan that includes goals and action steps for securing available resources.

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

There is a growing need for incentivizing offenders to enter and complete domestic violence education and treatment programming.

Continued increases in domestic violence convictions has led 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 FY2024

No changes in results delivered.

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

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2022 Actuals				FY2023 Management Plan				FY2024 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	1,163.9	0.0	0.0	1,163.9	1,441.0	0.0	0.0	1,441.0	1,464.2	0.0	0.0	1,464.2
Physical Health Care	59,051.7	5,745.2	0.0	64,796.9	61,848.9	7,234.8	0.0	69,083.7	49,004.8	13,195.9	0.0	62,200.7
Behavioral Health Care	9,157.4	358.0	0.0	9,515.4	11,028.2	507.6	0.0	11,535.8	11,211.2	966.0	0.0	12,177.2
Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	3,469.2	0.0	113.2	3,582.4	5,472.9	70.8	150.0	5,693.7	5,481.0	70.8	275.0	5,826.8
Sex Offender Management Program	2,450.6	0.0	0.0	2,450.6	3,027.0	0.0	0.0	3,027.0	3,041.7	0.0	0.0	3,041.7
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	646.7	0.0	0.0	646.7	786.1	0.0	0.0	786.1	797.9	0.0	0.0	797.9
Totals	76,114.2	6,103.2	113.2	82,330.6	83,779.1	7,813.2	150.0	91,742.3	71,175.8	14,232.7	275.0	85,683.5

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Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2023 Management Plan to FY2024 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>
FY2023 Management Plan	78,007.1	5,772.0	7,813.2	150.0	91,742.3
One-time items:					
-Behavioral Health Care	0.0	0.0	-315.0	0.0	-315.0
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Health and Rehab Director's Ofc	23.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.2
-Physical Health Care	-12,844.1	0.0	5,961.1	0.0	-6,883.0
-Behavioral Health Care	183.0	0.0	773.4	0.0	956.4
-Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1
-Sex Offender Management Program	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.7
-Reentry Unit	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8
Proposed budget increases:					
-Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	0.0	0.0	0.0	125.0	125.0
FY2024 Governor	65,403.8	5,772.0	14,232.7	275.0	85,683.5