

State of Alaska
FY2025 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
- Provide Reentry Services

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2023

Developed an inmate peer support program which was recently approved by the Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health, pending implementation.

Expanded access to Medication Assisted Treatment to include bridging of buprenorphine, ongoing treatment for pregnant females with opiate use disorders and access to community methadone clinics during incarceration.

As part of expanding the Department's efforts to prevent suicides within our system, a facility assessment tool was developed based on Project 2025 recommendations to identify what each unit is doing well and areas of improvement that could aid in reducing suicide throughout our system.

Participated in a statewide workgroup focused on standardizing domestic violence treatment programs statewide. In addition to this partnership the Department trained staff on the evidence-based treatment curriculum for Interpersonal Violence through the University of Cincinnati Correctional Institute (UCCI).

Key RDU Challenges

Ongoing staffing challenges in all key areas across Health and Rehabilitation Services (HARS).

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 FY2025

No changes in results delivered.

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

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2023 Actuals				FY2024 Management Plan				FY2025 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	1,284.2	0.0	0.0	1,284.2	1,639.2	0.0	0.0	1,639.2	1,505.1	0.0	0.0	1,505.1
Physical Health Care	59,763.0	7,234.8	0.0	66,997.8	49,188.8	13,195.9	0.0	62,384.7	59,594.0	7,831.6	0.0	67,425.6
Behavioral Health Care	9,492.0	359.9	0.0	9,851.9	11,027.2	966.0	0.0	11,993.2	11,355.2	973.6	0.0	12,328.8
Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	3,980.6	0.0	228.5	4,209.1	5,481.0	70.8	275.0	5,826.8	5,493.5	70.8	275.0	5,839.3
Sex Offender Management Program	2,549.7	0.0	0.0	2,549.7	3,041.7	0.0	0.0	3,041.7	3,070.8	0.0	0.0	3,070.8
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	495.5	0.0	0.0	495.5	797.9	0.0	0.0	797.9	820.7	0.0	0.0	820.7
Totals	77,739.7	7,594.7	228.5	85,562.9	71,350.8	14,232.7	275.0	85,858.5	82,014.3	8,876.0	275.0	91,165.3

**Health and Rehabilitation Services
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 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>
FY2024 Management Plan	65,578.8	5,772.0	14,232.7	275.0	85,858.5
One-time items:					
-Health and Rehab Director's Ofc	-175.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-175.0
-Behavioral Health Care	0.0	0.0	-771.0	0.0	-771.0
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Health and Rehab Director's Ofc	40.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.9
-Physical Health Care	6,655.2	0.0	-5,364.3	0.0	1,290.9
-Behavioral Health Care	328.0	0.0	778.6	0.0	1,106.6
-Substance Abuse Treatment Pgm	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5
-Sex Offender Management Program	29.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.1
-Reentry Unit	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8
Proposed budget increases:					
-Physical Health Care	3,750.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,750.0
FY2025 Governor	76,242.3	5,772.0	8,876.0	275.0	91,165.3