

State of Alaska FY2025 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Family and Community 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 one 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 2023

- Provided 615 secure transports for complex case clients for placement.
- Fully transitioned DES/DET/DSH and Secure Transport programs from DHSS to DFCS.
- Identified program areas needing improvement.
- Initiated processes to improve data collection discrepancies and gaps.
- Launched digitization initiative in department-wide program areas to improve forms, tracking, and data collection processes.

Key Component Challenges

While 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: DET 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.
- Organizations can deny a client for placement, leading to extended stays in inappropriate settings (Out-of-state placements, Emergency rooms, API, NorthStar). Due to a history of behaviors, some patients are blacklisted and cannot access services. This becomes more problematic in rural settings with limited resources.
- Funding does not always align with the needs of the patients and the staffing required to keep the patient in a less restrictive environment. This leads to “one-off” solutions that are not cost-effective and difficult to stand up and replicate.
- Step-down discharge locations do not exist that meet the specific high-needs populations in Alaska. At times, patients are denied from every possible in-state and out-of-state placement.
- DFCS legal authority for taking on specific cases. If the individual is not in DFCS custody or services, it limits what we are able to provide in the way of support and often these individuals end up falling through the cracks in our systems and/or in our custody.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2025

- The Department is looking to reorganize the Inpatient Mental Health RDU in FY2025, moving DET/DES/DSH, and Secure Transport into a new component within Departmental Support Services and pulling the Alaska Psychiatric Institute back into its own Division.
- The department continues to pursue innovative ways to leverage new service models to allow involuntary commitments to be served through Crisis Stabilization Centers and CRC and expanding DES and DET services/providers.
- Designated Evaluation and Treatment will provide funding support for up to; two additional hospitals and up to six non-hospitals to stand up additional evaluation facilities for involuntary commitment clients.

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 Family and Community Services

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (3355)
RDU: Inpatient Mental Health (722)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Enrolled	FY2024 Authorized	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 Management Plan vs FY2025 Governor		
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
2000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
3000 Services	418.1	0.0	0.0	400.0	0.0	0.0	-400.0	-100.0%	
4000 Commodities	542.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
7000 Grants, Benefits	12,155.3	15,169.8	15,169.8	14,769.8	0.0	0.0	-14,769.8	-100.0%	
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Totals	13,116.0	15,169.8	15,169.8	15,169.8	0.0	0.0	-15,169.8	-100.0%	
Fund Sources:									
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	4,499.8	4,500.0	4,500.0	4,500.0	0.0	0.0	-4,500.0	-100.0%	
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	4,500.0	4,800.0	4,800.0	4,800.0	0.0	0.0	-4,800.0	-100.0%	
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	4,116.2	5,869.8	5,869.8	5,869.8	0.0	0.0	-5,869.8	-100.0%	
Unrestricted General (UGF)	8,616.0	10,369.8	10,369.8	10,369.8	0.0	0.0	-10,369.8	-100.0%	
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Other Funds	4,500.0	4,800.0	4,800.0	4,800.0	0.0	0.0	-4,800.0	-100.0%	
Federal Funds	0.0	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	0.0%	
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (3355)

RDU: Inpatient Mental Health (722)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2024 Enrolled To FY2024 Authorized *****												
FY2024 Enrolled	Enrolled	15,169.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15,169.8	0.0	0	0	0
1003 G/F Match		4,500.0										
1007 I/A Rcpts		4,800.0										
1037 GF/MH		5,869.8										
Subtotal		15,169.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15,169.8	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2024 Authorized To FY2024 Management Plan *****												
Align Authority for Behavioral Health Roadmap Project	LIT	0.0	0.0	0.0	400.0	0.0	0.0	-400.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from grants to services for the behavioral health roadmap project. The remaining grants authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
Subtotal		15,169.8	0.0	0.0	400.0	0.0	0.0	14,769.8	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2024 Management Plan To FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base *****												
Transfer to Departmental Support Services and Rename to Coordinated Health and Complex Care	Trout	-15,169.8	0.0	0.0	-400.0	0.0	0.0	-14,769.8	0.0	0	0	0
1003 G/F Match		-4,500.0										
1007 I/A Rcpts		-4,800.0										
1037 GF/MH		-5,869.8										
Transfer Designated Evaluation and Treatment to Coordinated Health and Complex Care due to reorganization.												
Subtotal		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2025 Governor *****												
Totals		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Services

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (3355)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
3000	Services		418.1	400.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			418.1	400.0	0.0
3002	Legal and Judicial Services		0.2	0.0	0.0
3003	Information Technology	Software licensing fees, renewal, and maintenance costs.	0.0	308.5	0.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	62.6	0.0	0.0
3032	Inter-Agency Health		0.0	0.0	0.0
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	Health - Department-wide	305.8	0.0	0.0
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	PubSaf - Department-wide	49.5	0.0	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	Inter-agency management/consulting services.	0.0	91.5	0.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Commodities

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (3355)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
4000	Commodities		542.6	0.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
		4000 Commodities Detail Totals	542.6	0.0	0.0
4000	Business		542.6	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (3355)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		12,155.3	14,769.8	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	12,155.3	14,769.8	0.0
7002	Benefits		11,255.3	14,769.8	0.0
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		900.0	0.0	0.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (3355)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			0.0	4,800.0	0.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts		Reimbursable services agreement with Medicaid for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH).	0.0	4,800.0	0.0

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment (3355)

			FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
Component Totals			417.9	0.0	0.0
With Department of Law			62.6	0.0	0.0
With Department of Health			305.8	0.0	0.0
With Department of Public Safety			49.5	0.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	62.6	0.0	0.0
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	Health - Department-wide	305.8	0.0	0.0
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	PubSaf - Department-wide	49.5	0.0	0.0