# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
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**Bill Version:** HB 176  
**Fiscal Note Number:**  
**Publish Date:**  
**Identifier:** HB176-DHSS-MAA-04-06-17  
**Department:** Department of Health and Social Services  
**Appropriation:** Health Care Services  
**Allocation:** Medical Assistance Administration  
**Sponsor:** FANSLER  
**Requester:** House HSS  
**OMB Component Number:** 242

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.  
(Thousands of Dollars)

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**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

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## Change in Revenues

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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0  
(separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0  
(separate capital appropriation required)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?  
Yes

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?  
07/01/18

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

Prepared By: Margaret Brodie, Director  
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**Date:** 04/06/2017 12:00 PM  
Approved By: Shawnda O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner  
**Date:** 04/06/17  
Agency: Health and Social Services
HB176 directs the department to develop a program to provide supplemental reimbursement to eligible ground emergency medical transportation service providers for the cost of providing services to medical assistance recipients. The amount of the supplemental reimbursement must be equal to the amount of the federal financial participation that the department receives as reimbursement for the provider’s cost for the ground emergency medical transportation services, less any administrative expenses.

HB176 allows the department to charge an administrative fee to a provider who participates in the program to cover the department’s costs for administering the program. However, this fee is capped at 20 percent of a provider’s costs for providing ground emergency medical transportation services.

Starting in FY2019, to administer the supplemental reimbursement program for emergency medical transportation, the Division of Health Care Services has determined that it needs one full-time Medical Assistance Administrator II. This position will be funded from fees collected from providers who participate in the program. The cost of the position is shown below:

One full-time Medical Assistance Administrator II (including benefits); Range 18, Anchorage; $97.6 annually
Services: Office space, phone, reimbursable service agreements for position support costs: $9.4 annually
Commodities: Office supplies: $2.0
One-Time Commodities Cost: Computer, software, and office equipment: $7.6

All of the fees to support this program will be collected in the Health Care Medicaid Services component. The funds to support this position will be transferred from the Health Care Medicaid Services component to the Medical Assistance Administration component via a reimbursable services agreement.