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 Title "An Act prohibiting denial or withholding medical assistance eligibility or coverage for a prisoner" Appropriation Admin & Support
 Allocation Commissioner's Office
 Sponsor Representative Keller
 Requester Health and Social Services Committee OMB Component Number 694

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		**	**	**	**	**	**

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

This is the original version of the bill.

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Analysis

This proposed legislation amends AS 47.07.020 by adding subsection (o) to the extent consistent with federal law, a person's eligibility or coverage for medical assistance under this chapter may not be denied or withheld on the basis of the person's confinement to, or release on furlough from, a correctional facility if the person is in the custody of the state. In this subsection, "correctional facility" has the meaning given in AS 33.30.901.

Under federal Medicaid rules, prisoners can only be eligible for Medicaid while during a period of time that they are receiving inpatient services in medical facilities outside of the correctional facility. Offenders must meet Medicaid eligibility criteria. The categories of Medicaid eligible inmates primarily cover: inmates 65 years and older, blind, disabled, or pregnant.

Actual data for reduced costs associated with medical-fees-for-service cannot be determined because the Department of Corrections (DOC) does not track data on offenders using Medicaid eligibility criteria. These numbers will be further refined through the eligibility process identifying offenders who meet the Medicaid eligibility criteria.