

Alaska Stat. § 44.29.020

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Sec. 44.29.020. Duties of department

- (a) The Department of Health and Social Services shall administer the state programs of public health and social services, including
 - (1) maternal and child health services;
 - (2) preventive medical services;
 - (3) public health nursing services;
 - (4) nutrition services;
 - (5) health education;
 - (6) laboratories;
 - (7) mental health treatment and diagnosis;
 - (8) management of state institutions, except for adult penal institutions;
 - (9) medical facilities;
 - (10) adult public assistance;
 - (11) Alaska temporary assistance program;
 - (12) child welfare services;
 - (13) general relief;
 - (14) a comprehensive smoking education, tobacco use prevention, and tobacco control program; to the maximum extent possible, the department shall administer the program required under this paragraph by grant or contract with one or more organizations in the state; the department's program must include
 - (A) a community-based tobacco use prevention and cessation component addressing the needs of youth and adults that includes use of cessation aids such as a nicotine patch or a nicotine gum tobacco substitute;
 - (B) youth-based efforts that involve youth in the design and implementation of tobacco control efforts;
 - (C) anti-tobacco counter-marketing targeting both youth and adult populations designed to communicate messages to help prevent youth initiation of tobacco use, promote cessation among tobacco users, and educate the public about the lethal effects of exposure to secondhand smoke;
 - (D) tobacco use surveys of youth and adult populations concerning knowledge, awareness, attitude, and use of tobacco products; and
 - (E) an enforcement component;
 - (15) the Alaska Pioneers' Home and the Alaska Veterans' Home;
 - (16) licensure and regulation of child care facilities.
- (b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall comply with AS 15.07.055 to serve as a voter registration agency to the extent required by state and federal law, including 42 U.S.C. 1973gg (National Voter Registration Act of 1993).
- (c) The Department of Health and Social Services shall cooperate with the Department of Public Safety in

enforcement of the prohibition on the possession, offer, display, marketing, advertising, or sale of illicit synthetic drugs under AS 17.21.

History

(§ 12 ch 64 SLA 1959; am § 3 ch 104 SLA 1971; am § 47 ch 71 SLA 1972; am E.O. No. 51, § 41 (1981); am § 98 ch 59 SLA 1982; am § 7 ch 138 SLA 1982; am E.O. No. 55, §§ 39, 40 (1984); am § 16 ch 111 SLA 1994; am § 27 ch 107 SLA 1996; am § 85 ch 58 SLA 1999; am § 3 ch 87 SLA 2000; am E.O. No. 108, § 4 (2003); am §§ 11, 25 ch 59 SLA 2004; am § 2 ch 86 SLA 2014)

Annotations

Notes

REVISOR'S NOTES. --

In 2004, the paragraphs in (a) of this section were renumbered to reflect the repeal of former paragraph (a)(14).
In 2014, the paragraphs in this section were renumbered to reflect the repeal of former paragraph (a)(16).

EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS. --

The 2014 amendment, effective October 14, 2014, added (c).

Research References & Practice Aids

CROSS REFERENCES. --

For legislative findings and purpose in connection with the enactment of former AS 44.21.035, on which this section is based, see § 1, ch. 98, SLA 1992 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. --

For purpose, applicability, and administrative provisions, see 7 AAC 10, art. 1.

For environmental health and safety, see 7 AAC 10, art. 4.

For inspections and investigations, see 7 AAC 10, art. 6.

For physical examination of school children, see 7 AAC 27, art. 5.

For licensing process, see 7 AAC 50, art. 1.

For administration, see 7 AAC 50, art. 2.

For personnel, see 7 AAC 50, art. 3.

For admission and discharge, see 7 AAC 50, art. 4.

For care and services, see 7 AAC 50, art. 5.

For environment, see 7 AAC 50, art. 6.

For specializations, see 7 AAC 50, art. 7.