

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CHANGE RECORDS
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Department	Component	Trans Type	Change Record Title	Description	UGF Amount	DGF Amount	Other Amount	Fed Amount	Total Amount
Health (16)	Behavioral Health Administration (2665)	Inc	Add Program Receipt Authority for Behavioral Crisis Services	The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) receives funding in the form of statutory designated program receipts from the National Association of Mental Health Program Directors. While the funding is defined as one0time, there have been and will continue to be awards of funding to Alaska. Additional statutory designated program receipt authority is needed to receive and spend the awards.		-	500.0	-	500.0
Health (16)	Residential Licensing (245)	Inc	Community Care Licensing Specialist Classification Study Implementation	Add authority to reflect changes for community care licensing specialist positions associated with the job classification study conducted by the Department of Administration.	72.5	36.2	-	72.5	181.2
Health (16)	Medical Assistance Admin. (242)	IncOTI	Support Medicaid Systems Modernization	The Division of Health Care Services needs federal receipt authority to support ongoing Medicaid system modernization and innovation efforts, including: • Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Advanced Planning Documents (APD) • School Based Services Implementation, Enhancement, and Expansion Grant	-	-	-	1,970.0	1,970.0
Health (16)	Child Care Benefits (1897)	Inc	Community Care Licensing Specialist Classification Study Implementation	Add authority to reflect changes for community care licensing specialist positions associated with the job classification study conducted by the Department of Administration.	-	-	-	120.0	120.0
Health (16)	Public Assistance Admin (233)	Inc	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Administrative Cost Shift	Beginning in federal fiscal year 2027, the federal administrative cost sharing for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will decrease from 50 percent to 25 percent, requiring states to carry 75 percent of program administrative costs. This request provides additional general funds to meet the State’s share of administrative costs for SNAP beginning in federal fiscal year 2027.	7,991.3	-	-	-	7,991.3

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Health (16)	Public Assistance Admin (233)	Misadj	Technical Transaction Correcting Prior Numbers Change Record Item within Public Assistance Administration	Technical Transaction Correcting Prior Numbers Change Record Item within Public Assistance Administration.	-	-	-	-	-
Health (16)	Public Assistance Field Svcs (236)	Inc	Add Authority for Eligibility Systems Amid Rising Operating Costs	<p>The Division of Public Assistance (DPA) relies on multiple essential information technology systems to determine eligibility and deliver benefits for programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and other critical public assistance services. Operating costs for these systems have steadily increased, and additional funding is needed to maintain uninterrupted operations and ensure Alaskans continue to receive the benefits they depend on. A primary driver of these increases is necessary technology modernization, including ongoing system licensing, maintenance, and support costs that shift from capital expenditures to operating costs once system development is complete.</p> <p>Additional budget authority is needed to support these essential technology systems and operations that are required to determine eligibility and administer public assistance statewide. These operating costs, which include software licensing, system maintenance, and integration services, are not eligible under the division's current capital appropriations.</p>	11,272.5	-	-	9,769.4	21,041.9

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Health (16)	Public Assistance Field Svcs (236)	Inc	Maintain the Division of Public Assistance Virtual Contact Center	<p>The Division of Public Assistance’s Virtual Contact Center (VCC) is a critical component of the Department of Health’s service delivery infrastructure, ensuring uninterrupted access to benefits for Alaskans while meeting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ federal requirement to operate a call center. The VCC manages approximately 20,000 to 24,000 calls each month, providing telephonic applications, outbound client contact, and eligibility-related assistance.</p> <p>By leveraging Medicaid federal participation and general fund match for allowable costs, the department was able to reduce the contract cost with the demonstration waiver from \$12,000.0 to \$8,000.0 for FY2027. This approach maximizes federal funding while maintaining essential service capacity.</p>	3,654.4	-	-	4,345.6	8,000.0
Health (16)	Women, Infants and Children (1013)	Inc	Address Rising Women, Infants, and Children Food Costs	<p>With the rising cost of food, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program requires additional authority to continue issuing WIC vouchers at levels sufficient to meet participant needs. Previously, the department relied on multi-year federal authority that termed out at the end of fiscal year (FY) 2025.</p> <p>The purpose of WIC is to provide nutrition assistance and education to pregnant women, postpartum women, infants up to one year old, and children up to ages five through electronic benefits to purchase specific healthy foods including milk, cheese, eggs, fruit, vegetables, whole grains, infant formula and baby foods, cereal, legumes, and peanut butter.</p> <p>This request provides sufficient federal authority to fully utilize federal WIC grants.</p>	-	-	-	4,500.0	4,500.0

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Health (16)	Public Health Admin Svcs (292)	Inc	Increase Federal Receipt Authority for Grant Awards	<p>The Division of Public Health requests additional federal authority across multiple grants, including Immunization, Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) and Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP), to support programmatic activities and personnel costs. This request is in addition to the \$2,700.0 federal authority increase in the department's fiscal year (FY) 2027 Governor's budget due to recently awarded grants.</p> <p>Without this additional authority, the Division of Public Health will be unable to fully expend federal awards or sustain federally funded public health services and infrastructure. This request is necessary to maintain the efficiency, quality, and effectiveness of public health programs that protect the life, health, and safety of Alaskans.</p>	-	-	-	1,650.0	1,650.0
Health (16)	Rate Review (2696)	Inc	General Fund Program Receipts for Certificate of Need and Emergency Medical Transport Programs	<p>The Department of Health requests \$177.6 in general fund program receipt authority within the Rate Review section for the Certificate of Need (CON) and Supplemental Emergency Medical Transport (SEMT) programs. This increase will align budget authority with actual anticipated revenue collected for CON application fees and SEMT reimbursements.</p>	-	177.6	-	-	177.6

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				This request addresses an increase in federal and State costs for services on behalf of Medicaid eligible Alaskans and is based on a projection of current spending data approximately halfway through fiscal year (FY) 2026 with consideration of pending items against current budgeted authority. Contributing factors to the cost increase include annual rate increases for physician services, facility and hospital services, home and community waiver services, and behavioral health services, along with a decrease to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP).					
Health (16)	Medicaid Services (3234)	Inc	Align Authority for Medicaid Payments to Service Providers	This additional federal authority aligns the Medicaid budget with projected spending.	43,288.1	-	-	334,010.1	377,298.2
<i>Totals</i>					66,278.8	213.8	500.0	356,437.6	423,430.2