



March 4, 2026

The Honorable Andy Josephson
House Finance Co-Chair
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Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Neal Foster
House Finance Co-Chair
Capitol Building, Room 511
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Calvin Schrage
House Finance Co-Chair
Capitol Building, Room 410
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Josephson, Foster, and Schrage:

The Department of Health received the following questions during the Department of Health presentation to the House Finance Committee on February 18, 2026.

1 - How many senior centers do we have in the state? Who were the grantees that received the additional \$2.5 million in FY2026?

According to the Long Term Care Ombudsman, there are 31 senior centers in Alaska. The list is attached.

The \$2.5 million increase allowed the following grantees to receive additional funds.

- Catholic Community Service, Inc.
- Fairbanks Resource Agency
- Frontier Community Services
- Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc.
- Rendezvous Senior Day Services, Inc.
- Palmer Senior Citizens Center, Inc.
- The Salvation Army
- Nome Community Center, Inc.
- Petersburg Medical Center
- Chugiak Senior Citizens
- Homer Senior Citizens
- Access Alaska, Inc.
- Arctic Access
- Independent Living Center
- Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL)
- AHTNA' T'ANENE NENE'
- Alaska Legal Services Corporation
- Anchor-Age Center

- Anchorage, Municipality of
- Bethel Winter Shelter Lion's Club
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- Chugiak Senior Citizens, Inc.
- Cordova Community Hospital
- Dillingham, City of
- Homer Senior Citizens, Inc
- Kenai, City of
- Maniilaq Association
- Mountain View Food Services, Inc.
- Nenana Tortella Council on Aging
- Ninilchik Senior Citizens, Inc.
- North Slope Borough
- North Star Council on Aging
- Older Person's Action Group
- RuralCap
- Salvation Army Older Alaskan's Program
- Seldovia, City of
- Seward Senior Citizens, Inc.
- Soldotna Senior Activity Center
- Unalaska Senior Citizens
- Upper Tanana Development Corp.
- Valdez Senior Center, Inc.
- Wasilla Senior Center, Inc.
- White Mountain, Native Village of
- Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska, Inc.
- Center for Community, Inc.
- Community Connections
- Hospice of Anchorage
- Tanana Chiefs Conference

2 - How much in opioid settlement funds have been received? Provide information about the various settlements and the amounts collected so far and future payments.

Approximately \$33 million has been received in deposits so far for the State of Alaska.

Currently, the State of Alaska is projected to receive \$100 million from national opioid litigation settlements. These funds are restricted to settlement terms for opioid remediation purposes including prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction. Allowable uses are outlined in Exhibit E of the original settlement agreements.

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/TEVA-Exhibit-E.pdf>

Actual annual payments vary due to front-loading, incentive provisions, and settlement-specific schedules. The largest-running payment streams are from the National Distributors and Walgreens.

Funding Sources and Payment Timeline

Settlement	State Share	Payments Began	Expected Duration
3 National Distributors – McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen	\$40.76 M	2022	~18 years (to 2039)
Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)	\$9.02 M	2022	~9 years
*Teva	\$6.41 M	2021	Through ~2035
Allergen	\$4.14 M	2021	Through ~2029
Walmart	\$5.02 M	2023	Mostly 2023-2028
CVS	\$9.19 M	2022	~10 years
Walgreens	\$9.99 M	2023	~15 years
Mallinckrodt	\$350K	2022	One-time
Endo	\$750K	2024	One-time
** Purdue/Sackler	\$12.63M		
* Additional 8 Secondary Manufacturers – Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus	\$1.64 M		
Total Settlements =	\$100M		

3 - What are the steps needed to get to an error rate of less than six percent to avoid penalties?

Below are key initiatives currently underway to strengthen eligibility accuracy and advance progress toward federal compliance requirements:

- Expand refresher training for eligibility staff, with targeted instruction in high-risk areas such as income determination and calculation methodologies.
- Increase supervisory case reviews to ensure consistent application of policy and provide structured, timely feedback to staff.
- Implement technological enhancements, including development of a “worker assist” tool to support accurate and efficient application of eligibility policy.
- Develop and maintain a standardized Eligibility Standard Operating Procedures manual to promote statewide consistency in policy interpretation and case processing.

- Establish a dedicated Case Accuracy Analysis team to strengthen quality assurance efforts, identify systemic error trends, and implement corrective actions.
- Continue active collaboration with federal partners to review performance, discuss improvement strategies, and monitor progress toward compliance benchmarks.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (907) 465-1630.

Sincerely,



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Senior Centers across Alaska

SOUTHCENTRAL:

Anchorage Senior Activity Center

1300 E 19th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 770-2000
website: www.anchorageseniorcenter.org

Cooper Landing Senior Citizens

37325 Snug Harbor Road Cooper Landing,
AK 99572
(907) 595-3000
website: cooperlandingseniors.com

Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center

22424 N Birchwood Loop Rd Chugiak, AK
99567
(907) 688-2677
website: www.chugiak.org

Homer Senior Center

3935 Svedlund Street Homer, AK 99603
(907) 235-7655
website: www.homerseniors.org

Kenai Senior Center

361 Senior Court Kenai, AK 99611
(907) 283-4156
website: www.kenai.city

Senior Citizens of Kodiak

302 Erskine Avenue Kodiak, AK 99615
(907) 486-6181
website: kodiakseniorcenter.org

Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc.

50025 Lake Marie Avenue Kenai, AK 99611
(907) 776-7654
website: nikiskiseniorcenter.org

Ninilchik Senior Center

66265 Aspen Avenue Ninilchik, AK 99639
(907) 567-3988

Mat-Su Senior Services

1132 S Chugach Street Palmer, AK
99645
(907) 745-5454
website: www.matsuseniors.com

Seward Senior Center

336 3rd Avenue Seward, AK 99664
(907) 224-5604
website: www.sewardsenior.org

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens

197 W Park Avenue Soldotna, AK
99669
(907) 262-2322
website: soldotnaseniorcenter.org

Sterling Area Senior Citizens

34453 Sterling Hwy Sterling, AK 99672
(907) 262-6808
website: sterlingseniors.org

Upper Susitna Senior Center

16463 E Helena Avenue Talkeetna, AK
99676
(907) 733-6200
website:
[www.talkeetnachamber.org/directory/
upper-susitna-senior-center/](http://www.talkeetnachamber.org/directory/upper-susitna-senior-center/)

Valdez Senior Center, Inc.

1300 E Hanagita Street Valdez, AK
99686
(907) 835-5032
website: www.valdezseniorcenter.org

Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

1301 S Century Circle Wasilla, AK
99654
(907) 206-8800
website: www.wasillaseniors.com

Senior Centers across Alaska

INTERIOR:

Fairbanks Senior Center

1424 Moore Street Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 452-1735
website: fairbanksseniorcenter.org

Marge Anderson Senior Center

3rd and B Streets Nenana, AK 99760
(907) 832-5818

XYZ Senior Center

104 Division Street Nome, AK 99762
(907) 443-5238
website: nomecc.org

Santa's Senior Citizens

101 E 5th Avenue North Pole, AK 99705
(907) 488-4663
website: www.santaseniors.com

North Slope Borough Senior Citizen's Program

5452 Northstar Street Utqiavik, AK 99723
(907) 852-0276
website: www.north-slope.org

SOUTHEAST:

Aangoon Shu' Senior Center

812 Xootz Road Angoon, AK 99820
(907) 788-3804
website: www.ccsak.org/aangoon

Haines Senior Center

33 Mission Street Haines, AK 99827
(907) 766-3083
website: www.ccsak.org/hainesklukwan

Hoonah Senior Center

610 Douglas Drive Hoonah, AK 99829
(907) 945-3350
website: www.ccsak.org/hoonah

Juneau Senior Center

895 W 12th Street Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 463-6175
website: www.ccsak.org/juneau

Kake Senior Center

546 Raven Way Kake, AK 99830
(907) 785-3172
website: www.ccsak.org/kake

Ketchikan-Saxman Senior Center

2401 Eagle Ave # 2 Ketchikan, AK 99901
(907) 225-6578
website: www.ccsak.org/saxman-ketchikan

Metlakatla Senior Citizens Center

16 Western Avenue Metlakatla, AK 99926
(907) 886-7191

Craig/Klawock Senior Center

465 Summit Street Klawock, AK 99925
(907) 755-2224
website: www.ccsak.org/craigklawock

Sitka Senior Center Center

402 Lake Street Sitka, AK 99835
(907) 747-8617
website: www.ccsak.org/sitka

Skagway Senior Center

475 Main Street Skagway, AK 99840
(907) 713-7045
website: www.ccsak.org/skagway

Wrangell Senior Center

105 Church Street Wrangell, AK
(907) 874-2066
website: www.ccsak.org/wrangell