

Highlights of Significant Budget Changes

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES												
	FY	Appropriation	Allocation	Formula/ NonForm	Category	Description	UGF	DGF	Other	Fed	Total Funds	Notes
131	FY06	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior and Disabilities Services Administration		Transfer	Several transfers to realign funding to this allocation occurred	865.4			410.6	1,276.0	
132	FY07	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior and Disabilities Services Administration			Increase Medicaid Assessment contracts to manage Medicaid costs	300.0			600.0	900.0	<p>SDS contracts with private contractors to perform Medicaid assessments for beneficiaries receiving services under the PCA program and the four Medicaid waivers in SDS. These assessments determine the client's Medicaid eligibility, help determine the level of care required by that individual and indicate what services are required to improve their quality of life.</p> <p>The contractors costs were rising due to fuel, travel, nurses raises, and about 3 times the number of assessments are required because of regulation changes.</p> <p><i>In FY08, SDS decided not to contract for these activities and the funding was removed.</i></p>
133	FY08	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior and Disabilities Services Administration			Improve Medicaid Assessment and Reduce Unnecessary Contracts	-325.0			-325.0	-650.0	<p>The division phased out the contract that was completing medical assessments for beneficiaries that apply for Medicaid services. This gave the division more control over completion of the assessments and helped to ensure that they were completed in a timely and consistent manner.</p> <p><i>This increment removed funding approved in FY07.</i></p>
134	FY11-FY12	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior and Disabilities Services Administration		Corrective Action Plan (CAP)	<p>Waiver Corrective Action Plan Recovery and Program Stabilization</p> <p>FY11: \$1,018.0 GF & \$924.0 FF (1 PPT position) FY12: \$1,450 GF & \$500.0 FF</p>	2,468.0		0.0	1,424.0	3,892.0	<p>SDS is required to conduct annual face-to-face assessments, level of care determinations, and plan of care reviews in order to comply with federal requirements. SDS had not been in compliance resulting in the June 2009 moratorium that prevented placing Alaskans on any of the four Medicaid waiver programs managed by SDS. Through negotiations with CMS, the moratorium was lifted but SDS was required to develop a CAP and assure that SDS will maintain timely assessments.</p>

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135	FY12	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior and Disabilities Services Administration		Personal Care Assistance (PCA)	Personal Care Assistance Staff and Program Stabilization	750.0			200.0	950.0	To be compliant with federal requirements, individuals in the PCA program must have an annual face-to-face eligibility assessment in their homes. This funding was appropriated to address assessment and reassessment needs to tackle burgeoning document management requirements.
136	FY11	Senior and Disabilities Services	General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living			Additional Funds to Account for Caseload Projections	3,800.0				3,800.0	An identical amount (\$3.8 million GF) was approved in the FY10 supplemental budget.
137	FY06	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior Community Based Grants		Structure Change	The following allocations were consolidated into the Senior Community Based Grants allocation: --Home and Community Based Care --Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services	1,750.0				1,750.0	
138	FY09	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior Community Based Grants			Adjust rates for caregivers, nutrition, transportation and support <i>Legislative Addition</i>	1,000.0				1,000.0	
139	FY10	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior Community Based Grants			Maintain the current level of senior grants and services available in most regions of the state	609.9				609.9	Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) serve as a place for people to get information and assistance with accessing services that support them in the community. This funding will result in the establishment of two additional ADRCs in locations not currently serviced by the existing centers. Potential locations include Fairbanks/Interior Alaska, Northwest Alaska region and Southwest Alaska region.

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140	FY13	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior Community Based Grants			MH Trust: ACoA - Adult Day Services	202.5				202.5	This funding will increase multiple year grants to Adult Day Service (ADS) Providers to serve additional older Alaskans with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia, those with physically disabling conditions, and older persons with other cognitive impairments who are not safe staying alone unsupervised; provide critical respite for unpaid family caregivers; and provide start-up funds for one new program in an underserved area. Twelve grant-funded ADS programs served 472 seniors in FY2010 of whom 56% have dementia. ADS activities include age-appropriate structured activities including exercises, games, art projects, outings, assistance with personal care, and lunch/snacks. This increment will add \$225.0 GF/MH (\$125.0 GF) to the \$1,555.0 baseline.
141	FY13	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior Community Based Grants			MH Trust: ACoA - Senior In-Home Services \$250.0 requested by the Governor Legislative addition: \$175.0	425.0				425.0	\$250.0 of this increment was requested by the Governor to increase grants to provide care coordination, chore, and respite services to address growing waitlists for SIH services. This project targets adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia who are at risk for institutionalization; older persons having greatest social and economic need; Alaska Native elders; and older Alaskan's living in rural areas. Another \$175.0 was added by the legislature.
142	FY14	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior Community Based Grants			MH Trust: ACoA - Alzheimer's Disease Education & Support Program (ADRD-ESP)	230.0				230.0	The increment will build capacity in ADRD education, training and supports for ADRD-persons, family caregivers, and professional caregivers by increasing current service levels annually (10%) and adding new services.
143	FY14	Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior Community Based Grants			Alaska Medicare Clinic: Help Address Shortage of Primary Care Services for the Underserved Medicare Population Legislative addition	861.7				861.7	

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144	FY09	Senior and Disabilities Services	Community Developmental Disabilities Grants		FairShare/Proshare	General funds needed due to Elimination of ProShare Financing	5,963.8				5,963.8	