

State of Alaska FY2025 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08) Component Budget Summary

Component: Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)

Contribution to Department's Mission

Enable eligible Alaskans to manage their chronic medical illnesses and conditions.

The Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance is a state-funded program for low-income Alaskans who have inadequate or no health insurance, but who do not qualify for Medicaid. Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance provides limited services to eligible individuals only if diagnosed with one of the following conditions:

- Terminal illness
- Cancer requiring chemotherapy
- Chronic diabetes or diabetes insipidus
- Chronic seizure disorder
- Chronic mental illness
- Chronic hypertension

Covered services for those who qualify for Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance are limited to:

- Medical services provided by a physician, advanced nurse practitioner, and physician assistant in the practitioner's office or an outpatient clinic
- Outpatient hospital services limited to chemotherapy and radiology for the treatment of cancer
- Three (3) prescriptions per month and medical supplies limited to a 30-day supply

Core Services

- Provide payment for Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance services.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2023

The Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance program experienced the anticipated 100 percent decrease in number of enrolled recipients from FY2016 to FY2021 due to Medicaid expansion, from 704 to 0, and the decrease in expenditures, from \$450.1 in FY2016 to \$0.0 in FY2023.

Key Component Challenges

- Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance provides no coverage for inpatient hospitalization, transportation, and other services that are mandatory under Medicaid coverage.
- Challenges that previously existed with the Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance program are mitigated by the expansion of Medicaid. Except for qualified immigrants who have not yet met the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 five-year waiting period for Medicaid eligibility, most individuals who qualified for the program now qualify for full coverage under Medicaid expansion.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2025

- No significant changes in results to be delivered.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statutes:

AS 47.05	Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions
AS 47.07	Medical Assistance for Needy Persons
AS 47.08	Catastrophic Illness and Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions (CAMA)
AS 47.25	Public Assistance

Social Security Act:

Title XVIII Medicare
Title XIX Medicaid
Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program

Administrative Code:

7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160

7 AAC 48

Medicaid Coverage and Payment

Catastrophic Illness and Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance

Code of Federal Regulations:

Title 42 CFR Chapter IV

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health

Component: Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08) (2330)
RDU: Health Care Services (485)

Formula Component

	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Enrolled	FY2024 Authorized	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 Management Plan vs FY2025 Governor	
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
2000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
3000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
4000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
7000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	0.0	0.0%
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	0.0	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:								
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	0.0	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:								
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Health

Component: Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08) (2330)

RDU: Health Care Services (485)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
***** Changes From FY2024 Enrolled To FY2024 Authorized *****												
FY2024 Enrolled												
1004 Gen Fund	Enrolled	153.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	153.9	0.0	0	0	0
		153.9										
	Subtotal	153.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	153.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2025 Governor *****												
	Totals	153.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	153.9	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)

**Department of Health
Grants, Benefits**

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		0.0	153.9	153.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	0.0	153.9	153.9
7002	Benefits	Catastrophic and Acute Medical Assistance recipient services and provider claims payments (AS 47.08 Assistance for Catastrophic Illness and Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions).	0.0	153.9	153.9