

Department of Health FY2026 Budget Overview

House Finance Budget Subcommittee
FY2026 Governor's Amended Budget

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Department of Health



Mission: To promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans

	FY2026 Governor's Budget	FY2026 Governor's Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	1,557	1,572	15
Budget	\$3,529,135.1	\$3,801,938.1	\$272,803.0

Medicaid Services



Mission: To provide health coverage to Alaskans in need

	FY2026 Governor's Budget	FY2026 Governor's Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	0	0	0
Budget	\$2,834,174.0	\$3,074,442.3	\$240,268.3

FY2026 Budget Changes

Reversal of multi-year appropriation (FY2024-FY2026) for modernizing assessments for Home & Community-Based Service Waivers (InterRai)	(\$2,273.3)	FED/UGF
Align Authority for Medicaid Payments to Service Providers	\$220,638.6	FED
	\$19,629.7	UGF

Health Care Services



Mission: To provide to all eligible Alaskans access and oversight to the full range of appropriate Medicaid services

	FY2026 Governor’s Budget	FY2026 Governor’s Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	133	133	0
Budget	\$25,665.7	\$26,514.6	\$848.9

FY2026 Budget Changes

Align authority to current expenditures for inspections of health facilities	\$962.5	FED/UGF
Meet public need for assisted living homes with two additional positions	\$171.3	FED
Maintain current Medicaid operations	\$848.9	UGF

Public Assistance



Mission: To promote self-sufficiency for basic living expenses to Alaskans in need

	FY2026 Governor’s Budget	FY2026 Governor’s Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	484	499	15
Budget	\$282,631.7	\$312,661.5	\$30,029.8

Public Assistance



FY2026 Budget Changes

Child care tax credits, SB189 fiscal note	\$6,092.2
Reverse one-time funding for child care and food security	(\$9,000.0)
Reverse multi-year funding for Medicaid eligibility redeterminations	(\$8,632.2)
Reverse multi-year funding for addressing SNAP backlog	(\$8,829.2)
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Federal Receipts for Child Care Benefit Block Grant	\$1,200.0
Federal Receipts to enhance access and quality childcare in Alaska	\$14,000.0
Federal Receipts for Heating Assistance Program	\$5,000.0
Maintain the Virtual Contact Center	\$8,200.0
Add 15 full-time Eligibility Technician positions	\$1,629.8

Behavioral Health



Mission: To promote an integrated and comprehensive behavioral health system

	FY2026 Governor's Budget	FY2026 Governor's Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	100	100	0
Budget	\$94,241.3	\$95,972.3	\$1,731.0

FY2026 Budget Changes

Crisis Call Center	\$1,500.0
Reduce designated general funds based on Department of Revenue projections	(\$3,736.5)
Increase federal receipt authority	\$5,000.0
MH Trust: Behavioral and Physical Health Care Integration (FY2026-FY2027)	\$75.0
Comprehensive Program Planning Coordinator (FY2025-FY2028)	\$75.0
Federal Receipts Authority for Promoting Continuity of Care Following Incarceration Grant	\$1,656.0

Public Health



Mission: To protect and promote the health of Alaskans

	FY2026 Governor’s Budget	FY2026 Governor’s Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	458	458	0
Budget	\$149,297.4	\$149,222.4	-\$75.0

FY2026 Budget Changes

General fund program receipts for SHARP 1 recruitment program	\$1,650.0
Reduce designated general funds based on Department of Revenue projections	(\$1,738.0)
Reverse multi-year COVID appropriations	(\$136,115.6)
Interagency Receipt Authority to Support University of Alaska Child Welfare Academy	\$1,000.0
Support On-Call Staff Pediatric Physician	\$100.0
Move authority for Comprehensive Planning Coordinator (FY2025-FY2028)	-\$75.0
Fund Change for SHARP 1 \$2,337.6	GF/PR to SDPR



Appendix: Divisions with no change in the FY2026 Governor's Amended Budget

Senior & Disabilities Services



Mission: To promote health, well-being, and safety for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and vulnerable adults by facilitating access to quality services and supports that foster independence, personal choice and dignity

	FY2026 Governor’s Budget	FY2026 Governor’s Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	182	182	0
Budget	\$72,946.4	\$72,946.4	\$0.0

FY2026 Budget Changes

Reversal of multi-year appropriation (FY2024-FY2026) for modernizing assessments for Home & Community-Based Service Waivers (InterRai)	(\$1,119.0)
MH Trust: “No Wrong Door” Coordinated Access to Services (FY2026-FY2029)	\$300.0
MH Trust: Independent Living Statewide Equity Project (FY2026-FY2029)	\$300.0
MH Trust: Environmental Modifications Improvement (FY2026-FY2027)	\$94.0

Department Support Services



Mission: Provide quality administrative services in support of the department's mission

	FY2026 Governor's Budget	FY2026 Governor's Amended Budget	Change
Permanent Full Time Staff	200	200	0
Budget	\$43,916.8	\$43,916.8	\$0.0

FY2026 Budget Changes

Interagency receipt authority for chargebacks	\$1,000.0
Reverse multi-year homeless management information system funding	(\$750.0)

Questions?

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