

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: HB361-DOH-MS-03-14-2024
Title: BENEFIT REQS: MENTAL HLTH & SUBST
ABUSE
Sponsor: PRAX
Requester: (H) HSS
Department: Department of Health
Appropriation: Medicaid Services
Allocation: Medicaid Services
OMB Component Number: 3234

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0						

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/25

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 361 proposes alignment of Alaska Medicaid mental health and substance use disorder benefits with federal requirements. This bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to comply with the requirements for mental health or substance use disorder benefit requirements, codified under 26 U.S.C. 9812, 29 U.S.C. 1185a, and 42 U.S.C. 300gg-26 and for the DOH to submit Medicaid state plan amendments, as necessary, for the approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

This bill amends AS 47.07.030 by adding a new subsection to align the state's health benefit provision with federal requirements, namely 26 U.S.C. 9812, 29 U.S.C. 1185a, and 42 U.S.C. 300gg-26, to ensure parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

This bill amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section: Medicaid State Plan. The Department of Health is to submit necessary documentation to the DHHS for approval to amend the state plan under AS 47.07.040.

The following are areas where state health benefit provisions need to align with the summary of U.S.C. key requirements:

- 1) Group Health Plan/Health Insurance Issuer Requirements
- 2) Financial Requirements
- 3) Treatment Limitations
- 4) Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations
- 5) Plan Information
- 6) Out of Network Providers
- 7) Exemptions 3

The bill as written will not affect reimbursement rates or change the occurrence or frequency of claims processing. The costs to amend the state plan will be absorbed by the department. As a result, a zero fiscal note is submitted.