

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2018 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB169-DHSS-BHA-2-28-18  
Title: MEDICAID: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COVERAGE  
Sponsor: GIESSEL  
Requester: Senate HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Behavioral Health  
Allocation: Behavioral Health Administration  
OMB Component Number: 2665

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>						

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>						

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(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? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

## 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

SB169 amends AS 47.07.030 *Medical services to be provided* and eliminates the current requirement that mental health physician clinics must be operated by a psychiatrist who must be physically present within the clinic at least 30% of the clinic's operating hours.

This bill would allow psychiatrists to provide supervision either in person or by a communication device. Adding supervision by a communication device provides viable alternatives to on-site supervision.

Mental health physician clinic services are rendered by licensed mental health professionals whose conduct is governed by statute and professional ethics standards.

There are no costs associated with this bill for the Division of Behavioral Health.