

Supporting information for SB 219/HB 328

State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services Alaska Waiver and Service Options for Alaskans with Congenital and Degenerative Brain Injury

According to state law (AS. 47.80.900 (7)), the **term developmental disability (DD) means** a severe, chronic disability that: Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments; is manifested before the individual attains age 22; is likely to continue indefinitely;

- results in substantial functional limitations in **three or more** of the following areas of major life activity:
 - self care
 - receptive and expressive language;
 - learning;
 - mobility;
 - self direction; capacity for independent living;
 - economic self-sufficiency;
- and reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic assistance, supports or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

Examples of types of developmental disabilities are mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, and seizure disorder. **Mental illness and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome may also be developmental disabilities. However, the disability must result in substantial functional limitations and meet the other criteria in the definition in order to qualify as a DD.**

FASD: FETAL ALCHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

88 possible slots: 10 currently on waiver, 8 in the works, 70 open slots

Definition: **Congenital** brain injury- the youth's mother consumed alcohol during pregnancy.

Eligibility: Youth must be:

- Under age 21 years
- Eligible for Medicaid
- Have an evaluation by a psychiatrist within 60 days of admission to the program, that identifies a need for the level and intensity of services provided in a Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center (RPTC)
- Have a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. (If a youth is suspected of having an FASD, but has not yet received a diagnosis, the youth may receive an FASD diagnosis as part of the screening process)
- Want to receive services in community based services in Alaska instead of in an RPTC.

Waiver services include:

1. Mentoring Services
2. Daily and hourly respite
3. Residential habilitation
4. Day habilitation
5. Supported employment
6. Training and Consultative services

The Plan of care will be tailored to the specific needs of each individual program participant

ADRD: ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS

Definition of Alzheimer's disease: **Degenerative**

Because Alzheimer's disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) is so difficult to diagnose, the U.S. Department of Health and Social Services Advisory Panel on Alzheimer's disease recommends that ADRD be defined by **functional impairment and dependency rather than diagnosis or the causes of the disease.** The current working definition of ADRD used by Alaska Commission on Aging grantees, reviewed and refined at a grantee meeting in October 1996, reflects this recommendation.

For the purpose of this report an ADRD includes:

Alzheimer's, Dementia (any type), Parkinson's, Lewy Body, Creutzfeld-Jacob, Huntington, Pick's, Wernicke-Karsakof, Cerebral degeneration.

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Total number of OA, APD or PCA individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia in their most recent diagnosis

	with ADRD	TOTAL	non ADRD
Older Adults (OA) only	416	775	359
Adults with Physical Disabilities (APD) only	61	413	352
Personal Care Attendant (PCA) only	172	2271	2099
PCA with (OA or APD)	263	1697	1434
Unduplicated count (PCA, OA or APD)	912	5156	4244

	under 60	60-64	65-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+	TOTAL
APD, OA or PCA	69	40	52	237	373	136	5	912

Older Alaskans Waiver (OA)

Eligibility: Over 65 years of age and nursing home level of care.

OA Waiver Services:

1. Adult day services
2. Care Coordination
3. Respite
4. Chore
5. Environmental modifications
6. Meals
7. Residential Supported living
8. Specialized medical equipment and supplies
9. Specialized private nursing duties
10. Transportation

Alaskans With Physical Disabilities (APD)

Eligibility: Ages 21 -64, disabled meeting nursing level of care

APD Waiver Services:

1. Adult Day Services
2. Care Coordination
3. Day Habilitation
4. Residential Habilitation
5. Respite
6. Supported Employment
7. Chore
8. Environmental modifications
9. Intensive Active Treatment
10. Meals
11. Residential Supported Living
12. Specialize Medical Equipment
13. Specialized Private Nursing Duty
14. Transportation