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Food and Nutrition Assistance				
Program & People	Benefit	Eligibility Requirements	Authority	Budget/Funding
Food Stamps 34,837 average monthly caseload for SFY2015	Average household allotment in FY 2015 was \$384.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska resident Net income of not more than \$1,215 for an individual or \$1,639 for a couple; levels increase based on household size Not more than \$2,250 in assets per household, \$3,250 for a household who has at least one member who is disabled or over age 60 	Federal/State Program PL 110-246 (2008) 7 CFR. 271 – 274 AS 47.25.975 – 990 7 AAC 46.010 – 990	\$172.1 million spent on SNAP benefits in SFY2015 <u>Benefits are 100% federally funded and are not included as part of the operating budget.</u>
Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (SNAP ED)	Provide nutrition education information to Food Stamp eligible populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska resident Net income of not more than \$1,215 for an individual or \$1,639 for a couple; levels increase based on household size Not more than \$2,250 in assets per household, \$3,250 for a household who has at least one member who is disabled or over age 60 	Federal/State Program PL 110-246 (2008) 7 CFR. 271 – 274 AS 47.25.975 – 990 7 AAC 46.010 – 990	\$509.8 FFY15 Award 100% Federal Funds
WIC 19,771 households annually in SFY15	Provides nutrition education, referrals, breastfeeding support and checks to purchase supplemental foods designed to address nutrient inadequacies and nutrition education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska resident Must have a nutrition risk Pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to five years of age Must meet income criteria or must be within 185% of poverty Yearly income of \$26,548 for a 1 person household, \$35,853 for a 2 person household (2013). USDA updates income guidelines annually (April). 	Federal/State Program PL 111-296 (2010) 7 CFR 246	\$22,749.1 FFY15 Award 100% federally funded.



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Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program 7,684 Contacts in SFY2015	Provides breastfeeding support through a peer-to-peer counseling structure to WIC pregnant and breastfeeding women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alaska residentMust have a nutrition riskPregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to five years of ageMust meet income criteria or must be within 185% of povertyYearly income of \$26,548 for a 1 person household, \$35,853 for a 2 person household (2013). USDA updates income guidelines annually (April).	Federal/State Program PL 111-296 (2010) 7 CFR 246	\$200.1 FFY15 Award 100% Federally Funded
Commodity Supplemental Food Program 2,100 households annually in SFY2015	Provides supplemental foods designed to address nutrient inadequacies. Includes nutrition education. Cannot have concurrent participation in WIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alaska residentPregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to six years of age or age 60 or olderYearly income for woman, infants, and children for family of two- \$35,853 or one person household of \$18,655 for senior citizens (2013)Only available in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai, and Fairbanks and limited outlying areas.	Federal/State Program PL 111-296 (2010) 7 CFR 247	\$153.0 FFY15 Award 100% Federally Funded
WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program 5,965 annual participants in SFY2015	Provide checks for purchase of fruits and/or vegetables. Provide nutrition education materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alaska ResidentCurrent WIC participantsOnly available in Anchorage, Eagle River, Mat – Su area, Delta Junction, Kenai Peninsula, Dillingham, Fairbanks area, Valdez, Copper Center, Bethel and SitkaYearly income of \$25,845 for a 1 person household, \$35,002 for a 2 person household (FY 2013). USDA updates income guidelines annually (April).	Federal/State Program PL 11-296 (2010) 7 CFR 248	\$185.3 FFY15 Award 100% Federally Funded

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<p>Senior Farmers Market Nutrition</p> <p>Estimated 2,350 participants in SFY2015</p>	<p>Provides checks for purchase of fresh fruits and/or vegetables from local farmer's markets. Provides nutrition education materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska resident Age 60 or older Participation in CSFP, TEFAP, Public Assistance, NEOP, or household participation in WIC, CSFP, or Free or Reduced School Meals OR Yearly income \$26,548 for one person household, \$35,853 for two person household (2013) Available in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai, Fairbanks, and limited outlying areas. 	<p>Federal/State Program</p> <p>PL 111-296 (2010) 7 CFR 249</p>	<p>100% Federally Funded</p>
<i>Medical Assistance</i>				
<p>Medicaid</p> <p>161,019 FY2015 average monthly unduplicated recipients</p>	<p>Provides medical assistance to needy individuals and families. Basically, it is intended to provide medical coverage for needy families with children, pregnant women, and aged, blind and disabled persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible, recipients must meet certain income and/or resource criteria. These criteria vary depending on the particular Medicaid category for which the recipient is eligible for Eligibility criteria for aged, blind, and disabled persons are based on eligibility criteria used for the Adult Public Assistance program Eligibility criteria for parents and other caretaker relatives, pregnant women, children under age 19, under 21 Medicaid, expansion group, and former foster children up to age 26 are based on the eligibility criteria created by the Affordable Care Act 	<p>Federal/State Program</p> <p>PL 112-238 (2012) 42 USC 1396</p> <p>AS 47.07 7 AAC 100.001 – 990</p> <p>42 CFR 435</p>	<p>Benefits are paid from another appropriation. Eligibility is determined in DPA.</p>

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Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance	Provides emergency medical coverage for persons who do not qualify for Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 18 or older • Lack of other medical resources • Covered medical needs only include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ A terminal illness ➢ Cancer requiring chemotherapy ➢ Diabetes and diabetes insipidus ➢ Seizure disorders ➢ Chronic mental illness ➢ Hypertension • Countable income of not more than \$300 for an individual or \$400 for a couple • Assets that do not exceed \$500 	State Program AS 47.08.150 7 AAC 48.500 - 900	Benefits are paid from another appropriation. Eligibility is determined in DPA.
<i>Assistance for Seniors & Disabled</i>				
Adult Public Assistance (including Interim Assistance and Old Age Assistance) 18,707 average monthly recipients	<p>Maximum \$362/month; combined with SSI max is \$1,095/month</p> <p>Average monthly payment \$263.47 in SFY2015</p>	<p>The Adult Public Assistance program is designed as a State supplement to the Federal Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI). As such, it confers Medicaid eligibility to its recipients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 65 or older, blind or disabled • Alaska resident • Less than \$2,000 (single) \$3,000 (couple) in assets excluding house, one vehicle, burial fund • Monthly income below \$1,362 for an individual, \$2,017 for a couple, both eligible 	State Program AS 47.25.430 – 615 7 AAC 40.020 – 900	<p>\$66,177.3 FY2017 Appropriation</p> <p>General Fund expenditures in this program are used to satisfy the annual maintenance of effort requirement to remain eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.</p>

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<p>Senior Benefits Program (100% State Funded)</p> <p>11,305 average monthly recipients in SFY2015</p>	<p>Monthly payment of \$125, \$175 or \$250 depending on income</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 65 or older Alaska resident Effective March 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016 -- Yearly income of below \$25,760 for an individual or \$34,860 for a couple Effective March 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015 -- Yearly income of below \$25,515 for an individual or \$34,405 for a couple 	<p>State Program</p> <p>AS 47.45.300 – 309 7 AAC 47.545 - 599</p>	<p>\$20,029.3 in SFY2017 Governor's budget is appropriated for benefits.</p> <p>100% General Funds</p>
<i>Heating Assistance</i>				
<p>Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP –federally-funded)</p> <p>9,183 households in SFY2015</p>	<p>Provides help paying for home heating costs</p> <p>\$1,333/year average per household in FY2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual home heating costs must exceed \$200 Gross income at or below \$1,792 for an individual, \$2,422 for a couple (150% of federal poverty level) Household with a person age 60 or older, disabled, or under the age of 6, is considered a priority population. Households receive one additional heating point toward their benefit calculation 	<p>Federal/State Program</p> <p>PL 97-35 (1981) 45 CFR 96.80 - 89</p> <p>AS 47.25.621 – 626 7 AAC 44.010 – 900</p>	<p>\$14,183.6 appropriated in SFY2017 Governor's budget.</p> <p>\$10,919.2 FFY17 Award</p> <p>100% Federal Funds</p>
<p>Alaska Affordable Heating Program (100% state-funded)</p> <p>1,763 households in SFY2015</p>	<p>Provides help paying for home heating costs</p> <p>\$641/year average per household in FY2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual home heating costs must exceed \$200 Gross income between 151% to 225% of federal poverty level or \$2,688 for an individual, \$3,633 for a couple Household with a person age 60 or older, disabled, or under the age of 6, is considered a priority population. Households receive one additional heating point toward their benefit calculation 	<p>State Program</p> <p>AS 47.05.010 AS 47.25.621 - 626 7 AAC 44.200 - 900</p>	<p>\$9,174.3 decrement in SFY2017 Governor's budget.</p> <p>100% General Funds</p> <p>General funds are also used to supplement awards to LIHEAP eligible households</p>

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Assistance for Families with Dependent Children				
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<p>Alaska Temporary Assistance Program</p> <p>8,796 average monthly recipients in SFY2015</p>	<p>Maximum cash benefit of \$821 for a family with 1 child, \$923 for a family with 2 children</p> <p>\$612 average monthly benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska Resident Families with dependent children under age 18 Child support cooperation 60-month time limit Not more than \$2,000 in assets per household, \$3,000 for a household who has at least one member who is over 60 Net income of not more than \$1,412 for a family with 1 child, \$1,590 for a family with 2 children Benefit amount based on income (lower if more income or less need) 789 cases are "Child Only" (non-needy caregiver) 146 cases are families living in exempt native villages 75% include a parent and are subject to work and time limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 59% have used less than 2 years 17% have used between 2 and 3 years 11% have used between 3 and 4 years 7% have used between 4 and 5 years 6% have used more than 5 years (on allowable extension) 	<p>Federal/State Program</p> <p>42 USC 602 – 608 45 CFR 200 – 499</p> <p>AS 47.27.005 – 990 7 AAC 45.150 – 990</p>	<p>\$33,032.8 appropriated for benefits.</p> <p><i>*UGF in this component is Match for TANF MOE.</i></p>

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<p>Child Care Assistance</p> <p>4,794 average children per month in SFY2015</p>	<p>Provides monthly subsidy to help low income families pay for child care. Benefit is paid to the child care provider based on geographic location, type of care and age of children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible, the parent(s) in the family must be participating in work, seeking work, in school or training activities, and meet income criteria. Countable income is dependent on the household size. Child(ren) must be under the age of 13 or under the age of 19 if developmentally disabled Income limits are set at 75% of 2008 median income for Alaska: \$4,524 for household of 3, \$4,614 for a household of 4, etc. 	<p>Federal/State Program</p> <p>PL 112-74 (2011) 42 USC 9858 45 CFR 98 – 99</p> <p>AS 47.25.001 – 095 7 AAC 41.010 – 990</p>	<p>\$43,328.8 appropriated for benefits.</p> <p>\$3.5 million RSA with OCS to pay for child care assistance for children in custody.</p>
<i>Other Assistance</i>				
<p>General Relief Assistance</p> <p>1,926 cases in SFY2015</p> <p>3,305 recipients</p>	<p>Provides for emergent basic needs for shelter, utilities, food, clothing or burial</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska resident Have an emergent need for shelter, food, clothing, or burial Assets that do not exceed \$500 Countable income of not more than \$300 for an individual or \$400 for a couple 	<p>State Program</p> <p>AS 47.05.010 AS 47.25.170 7 AAC 47.050 - 290</p>	<p>\$2,905.4 appropriated for benefits. 100% general funds.</p> <p>\$2,972.6 in benefits paid in SFY2015</p> <p>94% of expenditures were for burials</p>

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ACRONYM KEY

AAC	Alaska Administrative Code
APA	Adult Public Assistance
AS	Alaska Statute
ATAP	Alaska Temporary Assistance Program
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CSFP	Commodity Supplemental Food Program
DKC	Denali Kid Care
LIHEAP	Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program
NEOP	Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
PL	Public Law
POMS SI	Social Security Administration Program Operations Manual System - Supplemental Security Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TEFAP	The Emergency Food Assistance Program
USC	United States Code
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children