

---

# DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF HEALTH & REHABILITATION

HOUSE CORRECTIONS FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MARCH 16, 2021





# HEALTH & REHABILITATION SERVICES (HARS)

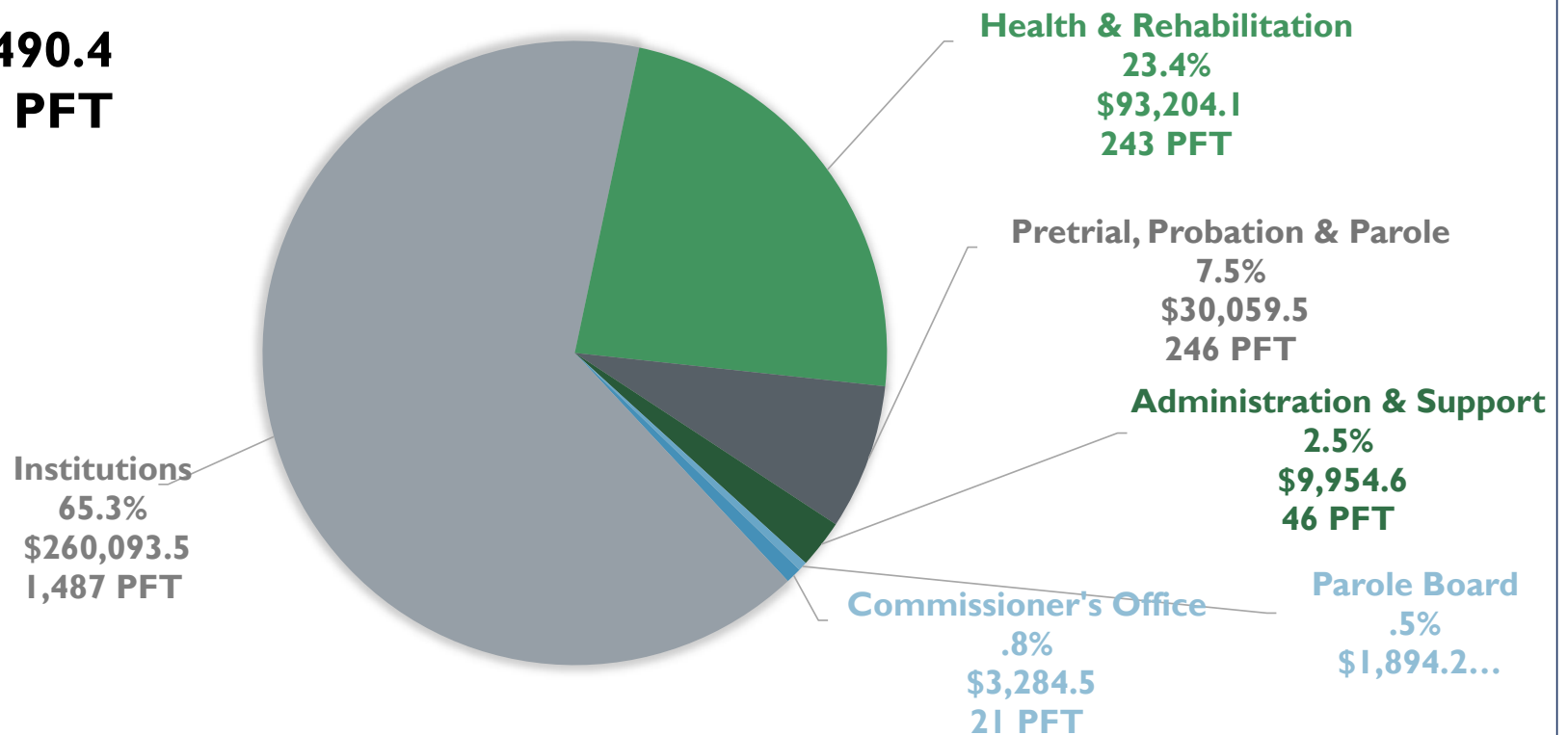
Health & Rehabilitation Services (HARS) has constitutional and statutory obligations to provide health care to offenders who are placed in the custody of the Alaska Department of Corrections.

**Eighth Amendment, United States Constitution  
Article I, Section 12, Alaska Constitution  
AS 33.30.011**



## FY2022 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST BY DIVISION

**Total \$398,490.4**  
**2,055 PFT**



\*All \$\$ in thousands



## DIVISION OF HEALTH & REHABILITATION SERVICES

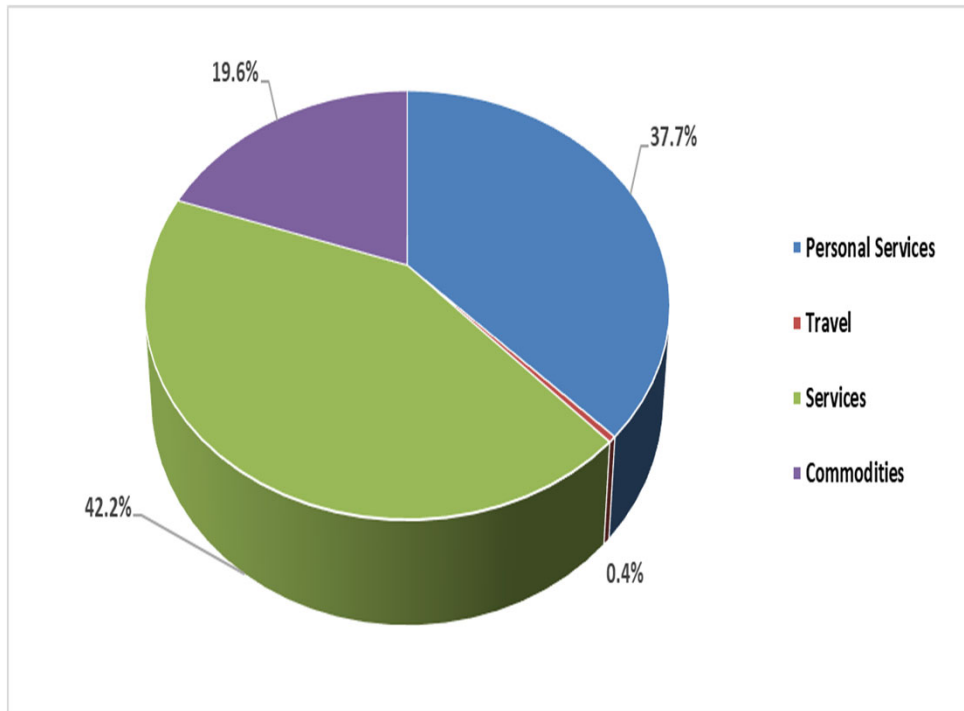
- Health & Rehabilitation Director's Office
  - \$1,022.5 / 8 PFT
- Physical Health Care
  - \$69,363.2 / 166 PFT
- Behavioral Health Care
  - \$10,136.0 / 53 PFT
- Substance Abuse
  - \$5,667.0 / 3 PFT
- Sex Offender Management
  - \$3,002.2 / 4 PFT
- Domestic Violence Program
  - \$175.0 / 0 PFT
- Reentry & Recidivism Unit
  - \$2,257.4 / 6 PFT
- Education/Vocational Programs
  - \$1,580.8 / 3 PFT

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$93,204.1</b> |
| UGF                       | \$77,176.4        |
| DGF                       | \$6,286.1         |
| Other                     | \$8,601.6         |
| Federal                   | \$1,140.0         |
| <b>Budgeted Positions</b> | <b>243 PFT</b>    |

*All \$\$ in thousands*



# FY2022 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST BY DIVISION



\*All \$\$ in thousands

| Physical Health Care by Line Item | Amount            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Personal Services :               | \$26,177.0        |
| Travel :                          | \$303.0           |
| Services :                        | \$29,269.7        |
| Commodities :                     | \$13,613.5        |
| <b>Totals :</b>                   | <b>\$69,363.2</b> |

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| <b>PFT :</b> | <b>166</b> |
|--------------|------------|

| Funding Allocation          | Amount            |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| General Funds :             | \$61,407.1        |
| Designated General Funds :  | \$85.0            |
| Restorative Justice Funds : | \$7,871.1         |
| <b>Totals :</b>             | <b>\$69,363.2</b> |

## FY2022 Significant Budget Changes

- Restore six medical positions and funding to meet Palmer Correctional Center staffing needs.



## BUDGETING FOR HEALTH CARE

- Planning and budgeting for inmate health care is complicated by constant changes in the inmate population and their needs.
  - 31,204 bookings in 2020,
    - 19,959 unique individuals
  - 1,452 Title 47 Non-Criminal Holds
  - Untreated medical conditions
  - New diagnoses made in custody
  - Acute injuries and emergency room visits
  - Procedures not covered by Medicaid



# RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE

## What DOC Pays For

- Outpatient procedures & provider visits
- Emergency room visits
- Ambulance transports
- In-house services provided by DOC staff
- In-house specialty services
- Labs, radiography & imaging
- Medications
- Medical equipment & supplies
- Medical care for Alaska Natives, American Indians and veterans

## What DOC Does Not Pay For

- Hospitalizations of 24 hours +
- CRC medical care where Medicaid eligible
- Outside medical care for inmate with private insurance
- Injuries covered by Worker's Compensation at a CRC



# PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE

## HARS Medical & Mental Health Staffing and Specialty Units

### ■ Anchorage Correctional Complex

- DOC medical providers
- 24-hour nursing coverage
- 12-bed infirmary
- Visiting dentist
- DOC mental health clinicians
- DOC psychiatrist
- 28-bed acute psychiatric unit
- 36-bed subacute psychiatric unit

### ■ Goose Creek Correctional Center

- DOC medical providers
- 24-hour nursing coverage
- 16-bed infirmary
- On-site dentist
- DOC mental health clinicians
- 128-bed subacute psychiatric unit
- 4-chair dialysis clinic

### ■ Hiland Mountain Correctional Center

- DOC medical provider
- 24-hour nursing coverage
- Visiting dentist
- DOC mental health clinicians
- DOC psychiatrist
- 18-bed acute psychiatric unit
- 40-bed subacute psychiatric unit

### ■ Spring Creek Correctional Center

- DOC medical provider
- 20-hour nursing coverage
- Visiting dentist
- DOC mental health clinicians
- 48-bed subacute psychiatric unit
- 7-bed mental health transition cells
- Telepsychiatry





# PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE

## ■ Wildwood Correctional Center

- DOC medical provider
- 24-hour nursing coverage
- Visiting dentist
- DOC mental health clinicians
- Telepsychiatry

## ■ Fairbanks Correctional Center

- DOC medical providers
- 24-hour nursing coverage
- Contract dentist
- DOC mental health clinicians
- Telepsychiatry

## ■ Lemon Creek Correctional Center

- Contract medical provider
- 24-hour nursing coverage
- Visiting dentist
- DOC mental health clinicians
- Telepsychiatry

## ■ Mat-Su Pretrial Facility

- DOC medical provider
- 22-hour nursing coverage
- Visiting dentist
- Contract mental health clinicians
- Telepsychiatry

## ■ Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center

- Visiting medical provider
- 11-hour nursing coverage
- Telepsychiatry

## ■ Anvil Mountain Correctional Center

- Contract medical provider
- 11-hour nursing coverage
- Contract dentist
- Contract mental health clinicians
- Telepsychiatry

## ■ Ketchikan Correctional Center

- Contract medical provider
- 11-hour nursing coverage
- Contract mental health clinicians
- Telepsychiatry



## EXCEPTIONALLY ILL & COMPLEX INMATE PATIENT POPULATION

- 22% have Hepatitis C
- 75% are overweight, obese or morbidly obese
- 80% have a substance use disorder
- Up to 75% of female prisoners report having been sexually victimized
- 65% have a mental illness
  - 22% experience a severe and persistent mental illness
- 16 percent report moderate to severe TBI
- Aging population



## IN POOR HEALTH RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL POPULATION

- Compared to other Americans of the same age, prisoners are:
  - 31% more likely to have asthma;
  - Twice as likely to have high blood pressure;
  - More than twice as likely to use tobacco;
  - 55% more likely to have diabetes;
  - 90% more likely to have a heart attack;
  - Twice as likely to have a sexually transmitted disease;
  - 100%-300% more likely to have a serious mental illness; and
  - 1200% more likely to have Hepatitis C.



## CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE CASES

|                               |           |                        |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| • Alcohol withdrawal          | \$40,500  | • Self-inflicted wound | \$194,300 |
| • Kidney Failure              | \$539,400 | • Orbital fracture     | \$72,000  |
| • Cataracts                   | \$23,900  | • Epilepsy             | \$20,400  |
| • Leg fracture                | \$18,800  | • Gonorrhea            | \$33,700  |
| • Hernia                      | \$46,000  | • Stroke               | \$162,000 |
| • Retinal detachment          | \$108,000 | • Ulcerative colitis   | \$51,000  |
| • Skull Fracture              | \$75,800  | • Appendicitis         | \$44,600  |
| • Prostate cancer             | \$187,800 | • Gallbladder removal  | \$33,800  |
| • Hand laceration             | \$40,500  | • Tonsilitis           | \$21,800  |
| • Esophageal cancer           | \$276,000 | • Rectal cancer        | \$342,100 |
| • Gastrointestinal hemorrhage | \$41,400  | • Pregnancy            | \$21,600  |
| • Scalp contusion             | \$26,000  | • Finger fracture      | \$27,000  |

*All \$\$ in whole numbers*



# 15 MOST EXPENSIVE TREATMENT CATEGORIES

| Service              | Description  | FY20        |
|----------------------|--|-------------|
| Emergency Room Visit | Visit only, does not include transport                           | \$3,475,837 |
| Nephrology           | Kidney disease/renal failure, dialysis, autoimmune disease       | \$1,667,725 |
| Oncology             | Cancer   | \$1,339,868 |
| Radiology            | X-rays, ultrasounds, CTs, MRIs                                   | \$907,771   |
| Gastroenterology     | Colonoscopies, anemia, Crohn's disease                           | \$620,102   |
| Ambulance Services   | ER Transport--Ground & Air                                       | \$576,808   |
| Orthopedic           | Musculoskeletal trauma--hand, back, legs, knees                  | \$560,512   |
| Laboratory Service   | Lab draws, readings  | \$360,137   |
| Optical Services     | Orbital fractures, cataracts, glaucoma                           | \$288,112   |
| Cardiology           | Coronary artery disease, heart failure, pacemakers, stress tests | \$235,236   |
| Hospitalization      | Medicaid-ineligible, rehab hospitals                             | \$225,604   |
| Otolaryngology       | ENT, disorders of the head & neck, facial fractures              | \$159,054   |
| Infection/Sepsis     | Sepsis, unspecified organism , Cellulitis, Bacteremia            | \$140,959   |
| Urology              | UTIs, kidney stones, prostate cancer                             | \$108,797   |
| Neurology            | Cerebral fractures, Seizures, Meningitis                         | \$85,217    |

All \$\$ in whole numbers

3/16/2021

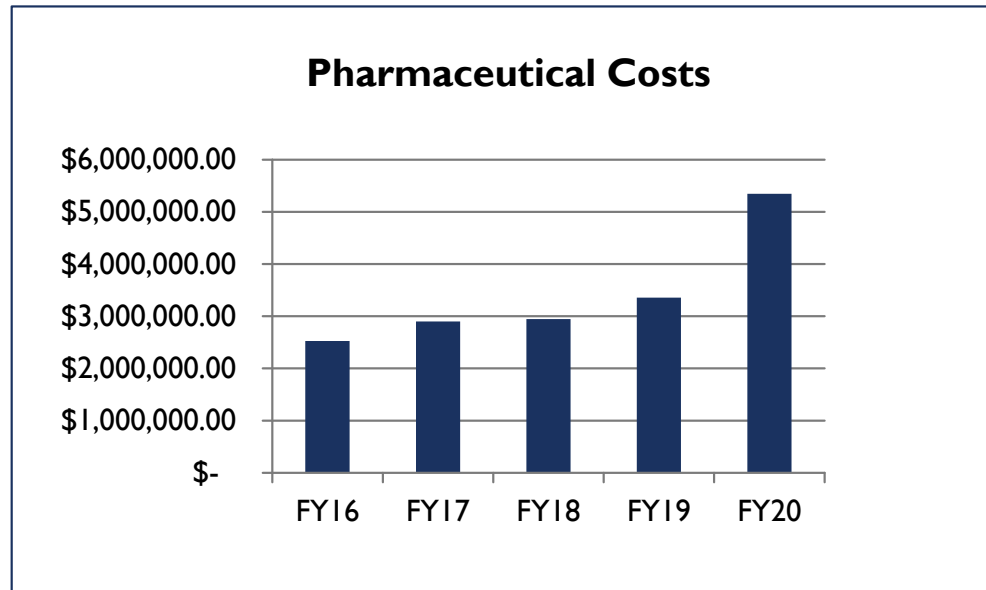
PREPARED BY DOC

13



## PHARMACEUTICAL COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE

- 112% increase in medication costs in the last five years





# COST CONTAINMENT EFFORTS

- Utilization Review Committee
- Telehealth
- In-house infirmaries
- Early identification and safe release of high-cost cases
- Aggressive contract negotiations
- Preferred provider agreements
- Medicaid coverage
- Adjudication Company
- Pharmacy pricing programs
- Expanding in-house services
- Centralized Medical Supply
- Review of Federal Inmate Costs



# Thank You