

Fiscal Note

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2024 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB260-DOH-CAMA-1-24-2024
Title: CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Sponsor: STAPP
Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health
Appropriation: Health Care Services
Allocation: Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)
OMB Component Number: 2330

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	FY 2029
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	(153.9)		(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	(153.9)	0.0	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	(153.9)		(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)
Total	(153.9)	0.0	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/25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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Agency: <u>Department of Health</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill repeals statutory reference that authorizes payment for, and oversight of, programs for catastrophic illness assistance and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions.

The Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) program is a state funded program designed to help needy Alaskans who have specific illnesses get the medical care they need to manage those illnesses. It is a program primarily for people who do not qualify for Medicaid benefits, have very little income, and have inadequate or no health insurance.

Since the implementation of the Expansion Group in 2015, most individuals qualify for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medicaid rather than needing CAMA. The only individuals that CAMA can still serve are legal aliens that do not meet the five-year waiting period required for Medicaid eligibility.

Grants, Benefits Anticipated Annual Fiscal Impact for Implementing:
(\$153.9) General Fund

Other costs associated with regulations and system modifications can be absorbed by exiting staff and contracts.