

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 260  
 Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: HB260-DOH-PAA-01-18-24  
 Title: CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
 Sponsor: STAPP  
 Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health  
 Appropriation: Public Assistance  
 Allocation: Public Assistance Administration  
 OMB Component Number: 233

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

|                               | FY2025<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2025<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               |                                      |  | FY 2025                 | FY 2025    | FY 2026    | FY 2027    | FY 2028    | FY 2029    |
| <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> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</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> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Positions**

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Change in Revenues**

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</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> | <b>0.0</b> |

**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? **07/01/24**

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable; initial version.

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| Division: <u>Public Assistance</u>                                      | Date: <u>01/18/2024 01:00 PM</u> |
| Approved By: <u>Raquel Solomon-Gross, Acting Assistant Commissioner</u> | Date: <u>01/26/24</u>            |
| Agency: <u>Department of Health</u>                                     |                                  |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

Since the implementation of the Expansion Group in 2015, most individuals qualify for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medicaid rather than needing Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) . The only individuals that CAMA can still serve are legal aliens that do not meet the 5-year waiting period required for Medicaid eligibility. CAMA can be a last resort for people who experience chronic conditions covered under the program, particularly seasonal workers. Removing program information, systems and procedures can be absorbed into regular updates without significant cost.