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This amendment would increase the option of monthly cash benefits from \$120/month to \$150/month (\$30 monthly increase). If a senior Alaskan chose cash benefits the yearly maximum payment would increase from \$1440 to \$1800 (\$360 yearly increase over the current proposed structure.)

Apparently the \$120 monthly cash assistance provided for in the Alaska Senior Assistance Program (which was established by regulation this past interim) was determined at that cash value by using an old statute that allows the DH&SS commissioner to distribute through regulation benefits worth up to \$120/month. The Senior Care Program is being established through statute, thus the monthly cash allowance can be variable.