

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Title ESTABLISHING THE ALASKA SENIOR CARE PROGRAM  
 RDU Departmental Support Services

Sponsor (RLS) BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester HOUSE (FIN) Component No. 317  
 Component Commissioner's Office

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
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>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF		11,962.6				
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1189 Senior Care Fund	8,086.8					
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,086.8</b>	<b>11,962.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

The bill authorizing the continuation of the SeniorCare program through June 30, 2007 includes provision to establish a new Alaska senior care fund as an account in the general fund. Per proposed section 47.45.360 the fund would consist of 1) money in the former senior care fund established in sec. 2, ch. 2, SLA 2004; 2) appropriations to the Alaska senior care fund; and 3) any appropriation of interest earned on money in the Alaska senior care fund.

This fiscal note represents capitalization of the new Alaska senior care fund; expenditures are shown on associated fiscal notes for components that would be operating the program. See attached summary of Alaska SeniorCare projected caseload and costs. (Continued on next page)

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

The Alaska senior care fund would be capitalized with a General Fund deposit as well as deposit of the balance of the former senior care fund. The estimated balance of the former senior care fund will be approximately \$8,086.8 on January 1, 2006. This balance will be subject to actual claims and benefit payments under the existing SeniorCare program through December 31, 2005. This balance will fully fund the Alaska SeniorCare Program for the second half of FY06, as well as allow for carryforward of an estimated \$1,249.5 for partial funding of the program in FY07. The General Fund appropriation for FY07 represents the difference between the balance in the Alaska Senior Care Fund and the projected expenditures for SeniorCare cash and drug benefits and the administrative costs to run the program through FY07.

It is anticipated that the FY07 general fund capitalization deposit to the Alaska senior care fund will be contained in the language section of the operating budget bill. Legislative approval of carryforward of the Alaska senior care fund (general fund sweep reversal) will be necessary to allow continuation of the Fund balance for use to pay benefits in the following year.

**Alaska SeniorCare Program Projections**

**Maintain SeniorCare Cash Benefit@135% FPG**

Number of Recipients  
Annual Cost Per Client  
Total Cost

	<b><u>FY 06</u></b>	<b><u>FY 07</u></b>
	7,000	7,000
	\$ 720	\$ 1,440
	<b>\$ 5,040,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,080,000</b>

**Drug Benefit @175% FPG**

Number of Recipients  
Annual Cost Per Client  
Total Cost

	3,900	4,095
	\$ 320	\$ 640
	<b>\$ 1,248,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,620,800</b>

**Summary -- Combined Cash and Drug Assistance**

Number of Recipients  
**Total Alaska SeniorCare Program Benefits**

	<b><u>FY 06</u></b>	<b><u>FY 07</u></b>
	10,900	11,095
	<b>\$ 6,288,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,700,800</b>

**Administrative Costs**

Eligibility (Public Assistance)  
Claims Processing (Health Care Services)  
Information and Referral (Sr & Disabilities Svcs)

	\$ 326,400	\$ 306,900
	\$ 163,900	\$ 140,900
	\$ 59,000	\$ 63,500

**Total Administrative Costs**

	<b>\$ 549,300</b>	<b>\$ 511,300</b>
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**Combined Program and Administrative Costs**

	<b>\$ 6,837,300</b>	<b>\$ 13,212,100</b>
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**Projected Balance in Senior Care Fund 1/1/06**

Projected Balance in AK Senior Care Fund for carryforward to FY07  
**General Fund Need**

	<b>\$ 8,086,800</b>	
		\$ 1,249,500
	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 11,962,600</b>

Population Growth 5%  
Premium/Deductible Inflater 5%