

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU Public Assistance  
 Component SeniorCare

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 Title REAUTHORIZE SENIOR CARE

Sponsor (RLS) BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester HOUSE (HES)

Component No. 2760

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services	308.7	308.7	308.7	308.7	308.7	
Travel	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	
Contractual	126.5	126.5	126.5	126.5	126.5	
Supplies	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	10,573.9	10,711.4	10,850.6	10,991.7	11,134.6	
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>11,044.6</b>	<b>11,182.1</b>	<b>11,321.3</b>	<b>11,462.4</b>	<b>11,605.3</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	11,044.6	11,182.1	11,321.3	11,462.4	11,605.3	
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,044.6</b>	<b>11,182.1</b>	<b>11,321.3</b>	<b>11,462.4</b>	<b>11,605.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	4	4	4	4	4	4
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This bill authorizes the continuation of the SeniorCare program for an additional five years from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012. It continues to provide a cash benefit to eligible seniors age 65 or older. It eliminates the program's prescription drug benefit, which has seen low usage, and changes the program's income eligibility standards. The bill increases the income level to 135% of the federal poverty guideline that is adjusted each year. The current program freezes the income level at 135% of the federal poverty guideline for 2005.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

**Benefit Costs**

This fiscal note assumes the SeniorCare program is reauthorized effective July 1, 2007 and includes the increase in the income limit to 135% of the federal poverty level for 2007. We assume that in the first year 300 additional individuals will become eligible for SeniorCare due to this increase. The table below displays the projected caseload including 1.3% annual growth and cost of benefits.

Caseload Cost Projections for SeniorCare				
FY	Caseload	1.3% Growth	Revised Caseload	Cost Total x 120 x 12
FY08	7343		7343	\$10,573.9
FY09	7343	95	7438	\$10,711.4
FY10	7438	97	7535	\$10,850.6
FY11	7535	98	7633	\$10,991.7
FY12	7633	99	7732	\$11,134.6

**Administrative Costs**

We assume that the four positions currently administering the SeniorCare program will continue. They include 1 Administrative Clerk II (Range 8); 2 Eligibility Technician I's (Range 14), and 1 Eligibility Technician III Lead Worker (Range 15). These positions are responsible for the initial and ongoing determination of eligibility, processing claims, and serving as a liaison with the Social Security Administration to facilitate recipient enrollment in Medicare Part D. Below are the costs associated with these positions:

Personal Services (4 positions): \$308.7

Travel (to support employee training, marketing, outreach): \$6.5

Contractual (for information technology, telecommunication, postage, printing, and building lease costs): \$86.5

Additional Contractual to provide outreach to inform seniors of the program's availability and benefits, and to make referrals to other programs as appropriate: \$40.0

Supplies (training materials and office supplies): \$29.0

All costs will be zeroed out on June 30, 2012 (FY2013) to reflect the sunset of the program.