

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 4  
 Bill Version: SCS HB 16(FIN)  
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Identifier (file name): HB016SCS(FIN)-DHSS-MS-3-28-11 Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services  
 Title: Extend Senior Benefits Payment Program Appropriation: Medicaid Services  
 Allocation: Senior and Disabilities  
 Sponsor: Rep. Hawker Medicaid Services  
 Requester: Senate FIN Committee OMB Component Number: 2662

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants		519.0	519.0	519.0	519.0	519.0	519.0	519.0
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5
1003 GF Match	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5	259.5
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>519.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

In addition to reauthorizing the Senior Benefits Payment Program, this legislation also increases the personal needs allowance for residents of long-term care facilities, Alaska Pioneers' Homes, and Alaska Veterans' Homes to \$200 per month.

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**Analysis:**

The Senior Benefits Payment Program helps low income seniors who are age 65 or older remain independent in the community by providing a monthly income supplement to help meet their basic needs, such as food and housing. Currently the program is set to expire June 30, 2011.

This bill increases the personal needs allowance for residents of long-term care facilities, Alaska Pioneers' Homes, and Alaska Veterans' Homes to \$200 per month. Medicaid is the payer of last resort, and will pay for the medical services that are not paid by other means.

It is estimated that of the 502 Medicaid recipients in nursing homes, 346 individuals will need to have their Medicaid contributions increased by \$125 per month. The \$125 increase in their personal needs allowances will reduce the amount they are contributing for medical care by \$125.  $(346 \times \$125) \times 12 \text{ (months)} = \$519,000$ .

It is assumed that the federal match will be 50% in future years.