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 Title Medicaid Reimbursement for Family Therapy Appropriation Behavioral Health
 Allocation Behavioral Health Administration
 Sponsor Sen. Davis
 Requester Senate HSS Committee OMB Component Number 2665

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel	24.0		20.0	20.0			
Services	100.0		100.0	100.0			
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	124.0	0.0	120.0	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts	62.0		60.0	60.0		
1003	GF Match	62.0		60.0	60.0		
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		124.0	0.0	120.0	120.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

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

No change.

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Analysis

If enacted, this bill would amend AS 47.07.030(b) to include Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT) as providers eligible to render and bill for Medicaid funded services as independent practitioners.

Assumptions and Cost Analysis

Whenever a program expansion or redesign occurs the State must assign staff to oversee the program design, development, and implementation, and to maintain on-going operations. Initial efforts involved are primarily directed at training new Medicaid eligible providers regarding the billing and documentation requirements for proper Medicaid claiming.

No additional salary is requested. Behavioral Health staff will provide coordination, support, and oversight as part of their normal and usual duties.

Travel

It is expected that additional travel will be required to meet the goals of this project. Travel will be required for training purposes and for oversight of provider billing processes until the group becomes comfortable with the program requirements. Inadequate training of new providers often results in denied claims or audit exceptions requiring repayment of federal funds.

Year One: A planning team will hold at least two, 2-day meetings in Anchorage to talk about the needs and expectations for the project, review existing training modules, and begin formulating initial ideas and strategies. The second meetings will provide an opportunity to make final recommendations and training strategies.

\$4,000

Year One through Three: Additional travel costs are expected to be incurred for the training phases of this project. Six on-site trainings throughout Alaska are assumed per year.

\$20,000

Training - Year one through Three:

Funding will support technical assistance and training from contractors. Duties would include: activities related to the design, planning, and implementation of the program; developing a comprehensive plan for related provider training; developing and conducting evaluations to assess effectiveness of project initiatives; and, developing program, policy or system changes to improve overall program performance. The contract will cover travel costs for the trainers.

\$100,000

50% FMAP is assumed.