

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB049HCSSS(FIN)-DHSS-HCMS-02-25-14
Title: MEDICAID PAYMENT FOR ABORTIONS; TERMS
Sponsor: COGHILL
Requester: House Finance Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Medicaid Services
Allocation: Health Care Medicaid Services
OMB Component Number: 2077

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **01/01/15**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated to reflect new House Finance Committee Substitute that deletes the requirement for the department to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to create a women's health program.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #3

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Analysis

This bill would limit funding of abortions for Medicaid eligible individuals to medically necessary abortions and abortions that are the result of rape or incest. The bill provides a statutory definition of medical necessity. Currently, Alaska Medicaid only pays for medically necessary abortions and abortions that are the result of rape or incest. However, the determination of medical necessity is made by the physician requesting authorization of the abortion based on professional judgment, not a specific definition.

It is possible that use of specific criteria for medical necessity could reduce the number of abortions qualified for state funding. However, the Department lacks the data needed to estimate how many abortions would fail to meet the bill's definition of medical necessity. Therefore, we cannot determine the impact on expenditures.

Medicaid payment regulations would need to be amended to apply the specific definition of medical necessity as a condition of payment for abortion services.