

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB049SSam-DHSS-MAA-02-24-14
Title: MEDICAID PAYMENT FOR ABORTIONS; TERMS
Sponsor: COGHILL
Requester: House Finance Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Health Care Services
Allocation: Medical Assistance Administration
OMB Component Number: 242

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	55.2						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	55.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts	41.5						
1003 G/F Match	13.7						
Total	55.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/15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 for 2nd session to accurately reflect FY2015 and out year costs.
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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.

The legislation also directs the department to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to create a women's health program. A women's health program would include family planning-related services, including testing and treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases, contraceptive methods, and an annual family planning visit at an office/clinic. We assume that we would make these services available to individuals with incomes below 175% of the federal poverty level for Alaska.

In order to add this program to Medicaid, it is necessary to make changes to the Medicaid claims processing system to recognize recipients of the new program and pay claims appropriately. The Department estimates that there will be a one-time cost of \$55.2, 75% of which will be reimbursed by the federal government.

Regulation changes will be necessary to specify the eligibility requirements and covered services included in this Medicaid option. No additional funding is required to change the regulations as the Department frequently updates its Medicaid regulations.