

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
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Identifier: SB169HCSCS(HSS)-DHSS-HCMS-04-14-14  
Title: IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM; VACCINE  
ASSESSMENTS  
Sponsor: GIESSEL  
Requester: House Health & Social Services 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 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	***	<b>0.0</b>	***	***	***	***	***

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	***	<b>0.0</b>	***	***	***	***	***

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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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? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated for CS, version "D/B." No change.

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Agency: <u>Health &amp; Social Services</u>	

**Analysis**

The bill establishes a statewide immunization program. Assessable entities (health insurers, third party administrators, and other public and private health coverage) and participating providers fund the program by paying an assessment fee. Medicaid is included in the definition of assessable entity but is exempt from participation until federal approval is obtained. In order for Medicaid to pay the assessment fee, the state of Alaska must seek federal approval to expend Medicaid dollars to pay the assessment fee versus individual pharmacy claims.

Under the federal 1115 demonstration waiver, states are allowed to add flexibility to the Medicaid rules to promote the objectives of Medicaid for the purpose of improving programs such as: Using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs.

For Medicaid enrollees through age 18, the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines are now and will continue to be paid for through the Vaccines for Children program. For Medicaid dual enrollees, the vaccines are covered by Medicare.

If federal approval were granted, Health Care Medicaid Services could potentially see a cost savings; however, at this time we are unable to determine if Medicaid will receive Federal approval and thus we are indeterminate in our estimation of cost and cost savings.