

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB227-DHSS-BHA-1-29-16  
Title: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REFORM  
Sponsor: SEATON  
Requester: House HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Behavioral Health  
Allocation: Behavioral Health Administration  
OMB Component Number: 2665

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	115.9		115.9	115.9	115.9	115.9	115.9	115.9
Travel	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Services	9.4		9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Commodities	8.1		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts	67.7		63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9
1003 G/F Match	67.7		63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>

## Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

## Change in Revenues

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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

**Section 12** of this bill directs the Department to apply for a 1915(i) plan amendment under 42 U.S.C. 1396(n), as well as apply for a section 1115 waiver under 42 U.S.C. 1315(a). Recommendations recently released in the Agnew::Beck Consulting report, "Recommended Medicaid Redesign and Expansion Strategies for Alaska," suggest that the 1115 waiver will be the most effective vehicle for redesign of the behavioral health system in Alaska.

One position, a Social Services Program Officer (Range 21, step A, SS, located in Anchorage at \$115.9 annually, not including ancillary travel, services and commodities cost), will be required to assist in the development of the 1115 waiver application, beginning in FY2017.

Funding for the position will be 50% federal and 50% GF match and is requested for all 12 months of FY2017. The Division of Behavioral Health anticipates having this position filled by July 1, 2016 as the incumbent is expected to come up to speed, work quickly and assist in completion of the intensive waiver application in a short period of time.

This position will also supplement and support the Medicaid redesign consulting contract that the Alaska Mental Health Trust has established to advise its members and staff, as well as the Department and the Division, as the Trust and the Department work together to successfully implement the significant reforms to the State's current behavioral health system described in the Medicaid redesign report.