

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 78
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Identifier: 0055-DHSS-PAFS-03-16-15  
 Title: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
 Appropriation: Public Assistance  
 Allocation: Public Assistance Field Services  
 OMB Component Number: 236

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2016	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Personal Services	1,908.3		1,908.3	1,908.3	1,908.3	1,908.3	1,908.3
Travel							
Services	386.4		386.4	386.4	386.4	386.4	386.4
Commodities	476.6		46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>2,771.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts	1,385.6		1,170.6	1,170.6	1,170.6	1,170.6	1,170.6
1003 G/F Match			1,170.6	1,170.6	1,170.6	1,170.6	1,170.6
1092 MHTAAR	1,385.7						
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,771.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>	<b>2,341.2</b>

## Positions

Full-time		23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

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

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/15

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.
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Agency:	Health & Social Services		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

Section 6 of the bill expands Medicaid coverage to a new group: adults 19 through 64 years of age who are currently not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare who have income at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for Alaska.

In order for the division to absorb the additional applications submitted for eligibility determinations and to maintain the additional caseload of renewal and report of change information submitted by the new clients on an ongoing basis, additional permanent positions will be necessary. While the additional caseload resulting from this bill is projected to increase each year, the division will be able to find administrative efficiencies as the new staff become proficient at eligibility determinations.

The costs associated with this request are for 23 permanent positions, office space and equipment costs. To every degree possible, the division expects to fast-track the process of establishing the positions in the classification system, recruiting and hiring, and training the new staff. Additional challenges associated with this request will be locating space for the incumbents. Ongoing costs for lease space and general office supplies are included in the services lines for the out years. There will be a one-time cost for purchasing and setting up office furniture and equipment.

The division is requesting the following permanent positions to be located in offices throughout the state:

One Office Assistant II - range 10, \$63.3  
 One Office Assistant III - range 11, \$66.4  
 One Research Analyst II - range 16, \$88.8  
 Three Public Assistance Analyst I - range 16,  $\$88.8 \times 3 = \$266.3$   
 Two Public Assistance Analyst II - range 18,  $\$99.7 \times 2 = \$199.4$   
 Ten Eligibility Technician II - range 14,  $\$76.5 \times 10 = \$756.0$   
 Two Eligibility Technician III - range 16,  $\$85.3 \times 2 = \$170.7$   
 Two Eligibility Technician IV - range 17,  $\$92.3 \times 2 = \$184.6$   
 One Eligibility Office Manager II - range 19, \$103.8

**Personal services total \$1,908.0**

Lease -  $\$16.0 \times 23 = \$368.0$

Training - \$18.4

**Services total \$386.4**

Office supplies -  $\$0.5 \times 23 = \$11.5$

ID cards, forms and notices - \$35.0

**Commodities, ongoing total \$46.5**

One-time furnishings and equipment -  $\$18.0 \times 23 = \$414.0$

One-time multi-function printer - \$16.1

**Commodities, one-time total \$430.1**