

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB260-DOH-CAMA-1-24-2024
 Title: CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
 Sponsor: STAPP
 Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health
 Appropriation: Health Care Services
 Allocation: Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)
 OMB Component Number: 2330

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	(153.9)		(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	(153.9)	0.0	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	(153.9)		(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)
Total	(153.9)	0.0	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)	(153.9)

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/25

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Health		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill repeals statutory reference that authorizes payment for, and oversight of, programs for catastrophic illness assistance and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions.

The Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) program is a state funded program designed to help needy Alaskans who have specific illnesses get the medical care they need to manage those illnesses. It is a program primarily for people who do not qualify for Medicaid benefits, have very little income, and have inadequate or no health insurance.

Since the implementation of the Expansion Group in 2015, most individuals qualify for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medicaid rather than needing CAMA. The only individuals that CAMA can still serve are legal aliens that do not meet the five-year waiting period required for Medicaid eligibility.

Grants, Benefits Anticipated Annual Fiscal Impact for Implementing:
(\$153.9) General Fund

Other costs associated with regulations and system modifications can be absorbed by exiting staff and contracts.