

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB178-DOH-SDSA-4-24-25
 Title: EXPAND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES
 Sponsor: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
 Requester: (S) HSS

Department: Department of Health
 Appropriation: Senior and Disabilities Services
 Allocation: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration
 OMB Component Number: 2663

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026						
Personal Services	294.0		294.0	294.0	294.0	294.0	294.0	294.0
Travel	22.0		22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
Services	114.0		114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0
Commodities	10.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	440.0	0.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1037 GF/MH (UGF)	440.0		434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0
Total	440.0	0.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0	434.0

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would allow for the department to pursue the addition of early intervention services as a reimbursable Medicaid service by adding it to the list of services listed under AS 47.07.030(b).

The bill clarifies who is eligible to receive early intervention services by removing mention of an at-risk population.

Every five years the department would be required to consult with medical professionals and the state entity that satisfies the federal requirement for the interagency coordinating council to periodically review the conditions that qualify as a disability under AS 47.20.060-47.20.290.

The bill would change the definition of developmental delay, with three sub-definitions under which an infant or child could meet the definition of having a developmental delay:

- 1) Infants or children who do not meet the eligibility requirements to receive services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) would meet the definition of developmental delay if they have a 15% delay in one or more areas. These infants and children are referred to as non-part C since they would not be eligible to receive services under the state's definition of eligibility for early intervention services under Part 303 of the IDEA.
- 2) Infants or children would meet the definition of developmental delay if they have a 25% delay in one area and would be eligible to receive early intervention services under IDEA.
- 3) Infants or children would meet the definition of developmental delay if they have at least a 20% delay in two or more areas and would be eligible to receive early intervention services under IDEA.

The bill would authorize the department to pursue a state plan amendment if necessary to add early intervention services as a Medicaid service and provides for a July 1, 2026, effective date.

The department anticipates needing two additional full-time positions, a Health Program Manager 2 and a Health Program Manager 3 to fulfill the requirements under SB178. Implementation of expanded enrollment and development of new early intervention billing codes will require significant policy and procedure updates and statewide staff training. The Health Program Manager 3 position is critical to address the additional technical assistance needed for Infant Learning programs around the state, and provide supervision for Health Program Manager 2 Technical Assistants. The new Health Program Manager 2 will work directly with programs to recruit and retain qualified staff, work with the University of Alaska system to develop needed higher education programs, develop additional training in the Infant Learning Program Learning Management System, and host training for new providers as needed. Federal requirements under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires significant ongoing monitoring of services and programs, as well as on-site visits, all of which will be more work with more children enrolled and more providers in the Infant Learning Program system.

Personal Services: One full-time Health Program Manager 2 (including benefits), range 19, Anchorage: \$129.2 and one full-time Health Program Manager 3 (including benefits), range 21, Anchorage: \$164.8 annually, total \$294.0.

Travel: Travel for the required federal monitoring of sites, outreach, training, and education around Alaska, \$22.0 annually.

Services: Office space, phone, reimbursable service agreements for position support: \$40.0 annually for two positions. Contracts and services to support Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program training, outreach, and education: \$74.0 annually.

Commodities: Office supplies: \$4.0 annually.