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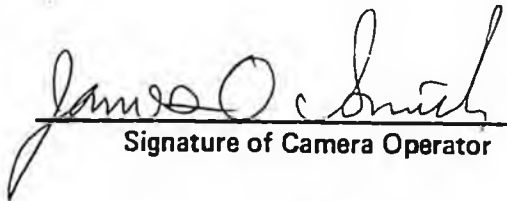
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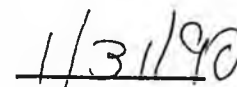


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COMMITTEE REPORT

5/15/75

SENATE

Mr. President:

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Adam _____

Brad Bradley _____

Ferguson _____

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George H. Q. Chairman

SENATE JOURNAL

May 13, 1975

The Honorable Chancy Croft
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811


Dear Mr. President:

The Senate Committee of Health, Education and Social Services has passed out with a unanimous "Do Pass" recommendation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 219 which will increase the monthly benefits for recipients of adult public assistance. Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 219 provides for a cost-of-living increase effective July 1, 1974.

The Department of Health and Social Services will be lapsing an unspecified amount of money in grants components for adult public assistance recipients. The major reason the funds will be lapsed is the past policy of the State to reduce welfare payments when other benefits, such as Social Security, were increased. The Department of Health and Social Services had advised the committee that there will be sufficient funds in the FY 75 appropriation to cover a \$9 per month per recipient retroactive benefit increase back to July 1, 1974; the \$6 federal increase (which was not passed along to recipients), and a \$3 per month increase in the state's average payment level.

The total cost of this to the State to make retroactive payments of \$9 per recipient per month will be \$340,200. 3150 recipients x \$9 x 12 months = \$340,200. This amount is available in the current FY 75 appropriation. The maximum total retroactive payment per recipient will be \$108. It is the intent of this committee that this retroactive payment of \$108 be made to the recipients prior to June 30, 1975 from the FY 75 appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,



Genie Chance, Vice-Chairman

George Hohman, Chairman

Original sponsor: Bradley, Chance,
Rodey, et al

Offered: 5/15/75
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to assistance to the aged, blind,
7 and disabled; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25.430(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Financial assistance shall be given under secs. 430 - 610 of
11 this chapter, so far as practicable under the conditions in the state,
12 to every aged, needy resident of the state who has attained the age
13 of 65 years, who has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of
14 property to qualify for assistance. Assistance shall be in an amount
15 which will provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible
16 with decency and health in accordance with standards established by
17 the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of
18 the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the
19 Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost
20 of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and
21 shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a
22 percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in
23 the benefit amounts under Title XVI [, BUT MAY IN NO CASE EXCEED \$250 A
24 CALENDAR MONTH]. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care
25 may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The department shall deter-
28 mine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person with due
29 regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions

1 existing in each case. Assistance shall be sufficient to provide the
2 applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health
3 and according to the standards of assistance established by the depart-
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9 centage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in
10 the benefit amounts under Title XVI. [HOWEVER, ASSISTANCE MAY NOT
11 EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.] Direct payments for medical services and
12 remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount
13 payable.

14 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.810 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 47.25.810. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance
16 for a permanently and totally disabled person shall be determined by the
17 department with regard to the resources and needs of the person and the
18 conditions existing in each case. Where possible, assistance shall be
19 sufficient to provide reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and
20 health and according to the standards of assistance established by the
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28 MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.] Direct payments for medical
29 services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the

1 maximum amount payable.

2 * Sec. 4. For purposes of determining the state contribution to recipi-
3 ents under AS 47.25.430(a), 47.25.640, and 47.25.810 as of July 1, 1975, the
4 Department of Health and Social Services shall establish levels of need not
5 exceeding \$300 a month for an individual recipient.

6 * Sec. 5. This Act is retroactive to July 1, 1974.

7 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.
8 070(c).

219

Introduced: 3/3/75
Referred: Health, Education
and Social Services and
Finance

BY BRADLEY, CHANCE, RODEY,
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17 department, but may in no case exceed \$350 [\$250] a calendar month.
18 Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not be
19 considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

20 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

NINTH... Legislature ... FIRST Session

SENATE BILL NO. 219
By BRADLEY, CHANCE, RODEY, WILKIS AND CROFT

"An Act relating to old age assistance; and providing for an effective date."

old age assistance

Introduced in the Senate 3/3, 1975

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	 By Governor
		Filed with Lt. Governor

Chapter No.

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CS for Senate Bill No. 219

Title: An Act relating to assistance to the aged, blind and disabled; and providing an

Requested by: Senate Health & Social Services Date: May 15, 1975

Return Date Requested:

Agency: Dept. Health & Social Services Program: Social Services
Medical Assistance

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Assistance Payments, Medicaid, General Relief-

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Medical, Medical Assistance, Admin. & Support

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		48.8	53.6	80.5	88.3	97.0
200 TRAVEL		8.8	9.7	10.9	12.0	13.5
300 CONTRACTUAL		1,372.5	1,510.0	1,654.2	1,350.6	2,015.7
400 COMMODITIES		67.5	74.2	81.6	89.8	98.8
500 EQUIPMENT		2.9	3.1	5.2	5.8	6.4
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		2,187.5	2,406.5	2,646.9	2,911.6	3,202.8
TOTAL	-0-	3,688.0	4,056.9	4,459.1	4,938.1	5,452.0

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	3,062.2	3,568.3	3,717.1	4,089.0	4,498.0
FEDERAL FUNDS		625.8	688.6	772.0	849.1	934.0
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	3 / 0	3 / 0	4 / 0	4 / 0	4 / 0
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	36 / 0	36 / 0	48 / 0	48 / 0	45 / 0

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

FEDERAL FUNDS are calculated:

- .55% of Line Items 100,200,300,500 relating to Medicaid Admin. & Support
- 50% of Line Items 200 and 300 relating to Medicaid Medical Payments.
- 0% of Line Items 700 relating to State Aid Grant Cost.
- 0% of Line Items 300 & 400 relating to General Relief-Medical costs.

ATTACHED COPY for analysis of impact on Medical Assistance Program and Family and Children Services.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska, dated October 9, 1974, stating projections of costs for hospitals and nursing homes.

V. DATE: 5/2/75

PREPARED BY: [Signature]

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

CSSB 219
 OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, AID TO DISABLED, AID TO BLIND
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CORRECTION

**THIS DOCUMENT
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ATTACHMENT #1
FISCAL NOTE
ON
CSSB 219
CASH ASSISTANCE COSTS

	<u>COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 219</u>				<u>ENACTMENT OF JULY 1974</u>	
	June 1974 Payment +	1974 COLA 4.3%	July 1974 Payment +	1975 COLA 8.5%	July 1975 Payment	July 1975 Need's Level
FEDERAL PAYMENT	\$140.00 +	\$6.00	\$146.00 +	\$12.41	\$158.41	\$18.41
						8.12
						<u>26.53</u>
						250.00
						<u>\$276.83</u>
STATE (APL) Average payment level)	\$61.75 +	<u>\$3.00</u> \$9.00	\$64.40 +	<u>\$5.47</u> \$17.88	\$69.87	

	<u>COSTS OF JULY 1974 ENACTMENT DATE OF CSSB 219</u>			Months	SGF Cost
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Longevity Bonus After 12/31/75 ³	\$80.00	x	755	x 6	\$362.4
	\$40.00	x	383	x 6	\$ 91.9
New Caseload Result- ing from Increased Needs Level ⁴	\$20.00	x	715	x 12	<u>\$171.6</u>
					\$2,187.5

¹1945 current recipients do not receive SSI because of excess income. To bring payments to such recipients up to new level created by SSI COLA will cost a maximum of \$12.41 per recipient per month.

²Intent of CSSB 219 is to create maximum needs level of \$300. After 1974 and 1975 Federal and State COLA increases, needs level is \$276.83. Thus, \$23.12 per recipient is needed to reach CSSB 219 intended level of \$300.00.

³Assumes Longevity Bonus (ALB) will not be disregarded as income by SSI after 12/31/75. Thus, state must make up current federal payment of \$80.00 per

month per recipient for 735 recipients whose only income is ALB and \$40.00
per month per recipient for 383 who have LD plus other income.

⁶Based on 1970 Census on economic characteristics by age, estimate 795 new recipients as a result of need level increase to \$300.00. Of 795, 80 will be nursing home patients not affected by need level increase. 715 will be affected and estimate average payment of \$20.00 per month per recipient.

vln May 15, 1975

ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL NOTE
FOR
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219
(Part 2)
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Assumptions and Calculations

This bill would raise the legal standard for old age assistance from \$250 to \$300 monthly and adjusted in accordance with pass through of Social Security increases.

Medicaid Projections

The Division of Family and Children Services in its position paper on this topic estimates its caseload impact as 495 new OAA recipients, 290 new AD recipients and 10 new AB recipients. Since such recipient would be eligible for medical assistance under Medicaid, funded 50% federal moneys and 50% state moneys, the Division of Medical Assistance estimates the bill would effect its budget in the following manner:

TOTAL PROJECTIONS OF IMPACT ON MEDICAID BUDGET

OAA OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2}	Total Cost ³ Per Eligible	Total Cost for Medicaid For OAA Impact
FY 76	495 eligible	\$1,357/eligible	\$671,715
FY 77	495 eligible	1,495/eligible	759,035

FY 73	495 eligible	1,642/eligible	812,790
FY 79	495 eligible	1,806/eligible	893,970
FY 80	495 eligible	1,987/eligible	983,565

AD OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2}	Total Cost ³ Per Eligible	Total Cost for Medicaid For New AD Impact
FY 76	290 eligible	\$1,791/eligible	\$519,390
FY 77	290 eligible	1,970/eligible	571,300
FY 78	290 eligible	2,167/eligible	628,430
FY 79	290 eligible	2,384/eligible	691,360
FY 80	290 eligible	2,622/eligible	760,380

AB OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2}	Total Cost ³ Per Eligible	Total Cost for Medicaid For New AB Impact
FY 76	10 eligible	\$534 /eligible	\$5,340
FY 77	10 eligible	587/eligible	5,870
FY 78	10 eligible	646/eligible	6,460
FY 79	10 eligible	711/eligible	7,110
FY 80	10 eligible	782/eligible	7,820

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FOOTNOTES

- 1 Caseload eligible figures are based on Division of Family and Children Services estimates.
- 2 No increases in caseload are included in this category. Small cost of living increases will add and delete recipients of this type. The effect will probably counterbalance each other. Dramatic cost of living increase will add a number of recipients. The exact number is unknown as there is no sound statistical projection on cost of living on which to base caseload figures.
- 3 Cost per eligible for each fiscal year was determined as follows:

Computer runs for required federal report SRS-NCSS 2082 for FY 74 determined the cost per OAW eligible for Medicaid to be \$949, per AD eligible for Medicaid to be \$1,252, and per AB eligible for Medicaid to be \$573. Cost of living increase was added as follows: 30% for FY 75 (see attached letter dated October 9, 1974, from Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska, for increase projected) and 10% for each additional fiscal year above FY 75 levels.

TRAVEL AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

The projected costs for travel and contractual services were based on information from SRS-NCSS-2082 for FY 74. Generally, travel items make up 00.7% of total projected budget increases, while the rest is contractual services. The Division projects no impact on equipment expenditures.

GENERAL RELIEF - MEDICAL PROJECTIONS

Certain of these new recipients would be eligible under the General Relief-Medical for services not covered under the State's Medicaid program, if they did not have any prior health resource. Drug, prosthetic devices, dental work, therapy, glasses, and hearing aids would be included in that category. General Relief-Medical funds come entirely from State moneys. The Division of Medical Assistance estimates the bill would affect the General Relief-Medical program in the following ways:

Contractual Services

Prosthetic devices, dental work, therapy, glasses and hearing aids are included in that category. Computer runs for the FY 74 Medicaid Annual Status Report to the legislature show that:

- 1) 43.8% of all OAA eligibles used General Relief-Medical services.
- 2) 36.6% of all AD eligibles used General Relief-Medical Services.
- 3) 38.2% of all AB eligibles used General Relief-Medical Services.
- 4) \$453.00 was the average cost per patient of such individuals for non-covered Medicaid services in contractual services area.

OAA OPTION IMPACT

The Division of Medical Assistance estimates that 217 persons or (45.8% of 495 eligibles as projected by Division of Family and Children Services) will actually use services under the General Relief-Medical Program.

Contractual Services for General Relief-Medical

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ³ Per Patient	Total Cost of Contractual Services to New OAA Impact User
FY 76	217/patient	\$548.12/patient	\$118,942
FY 77	217/patient	602.94/patient	130,838
FY 78	217/patient	663.23/patient	143,921
FY 79	217/patient	729.55/patient	158,312
FY 80	217/patient	802.51/patient	174,145

AD OPTION IMPACT

The Division of Medical Assistance estimates that 106 AD persons (or 36.6% of 290 AD eligibles) as projected by Division of Family and Children Services will actually use services under the General Relief-Medical program.

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ³ Per Patient	Total Cost of Contractual Services to New AD Impact User
FY 76	106/patient	\$ 548.13/patient	\$58,102
FY 77	106/patient	602.94/patient	63,912
FY 78	106/patient	663.23/patient	70,302
FY 79	106/patient	729.55/patient	77,332
FY 80	106/patient	802.51/patient	85,066

AB OPTION IMPACT

The Division of Medical Assistance estimates that 4 AB persons of 10 AB eligibles (as projected by Division of Family & Children Services) will actually use services under the General Relief-Medical program.

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ³ Per Patient	Total Cost of Contractual Services to New AB Impact User
FY 76	4/patient	\$548.13/patient	\$2,193
FY 77	4/patient	602.94/patient	2,412
FY 78	4/patient	663.23/patient	2,653
FY 79	4/patient	729.55/patient	2,918
FY 80	4/patient	802.51/patient	3,210

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Basically, this consists of drug purchases. For estimates of eligibles and users of services, please see sections on Assumption and Contractual Services for General Relief-Medical programs.

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AD OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ³ Per Patient	Total Cost of Commodities Services to New AD Impact
FY 76	106/patient	\$275.89/patient	\$29,244
FY 77	106/patient	303.48/patient	32,169
FY 78	106/patient	333.83/patient	35,386
FY 79	106/patient	367.21/patient	38,924
FY 80	106/patient	403.93/patient	42,817

AB OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRG)	Total Cost ³ Per Patient	Total Cost of Commodities Services to New AB Impact
FY 76	4/patient	\$260.27/patient	\$1,041
FY 77	4/patient	286.30/patient	1,145
FY 78	4/patient	314.93/patient	1,260
FY 79	4/patient	346.42/patient	1,386
FY 80	4/patient	381.06/patient	1,524

1 See Footnote #1 under Contractual Services for General Relief-Medical

2 See footnote #2 under Contractual Services for General Relief-Medical

3 Cost per patient was determined as follows: Computer runs for FY 73 and FY 74 Medicaid Annual Status Report to the Legislature show that \$112.44 was the average cost per OAA user of drug services for FY 73. \$171.71 was the average cost per AB user. \$182.01 was the average cost per AD user. Cost of living increases were added. For FY 74 the average cost was raised only 6%, due to prices held down by federal cost of living controls. 30% for FY 75 was added above FY 74 levels (see attached letter dated October 9, 1974, from Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska for increase projects) and 10% for each additional fiscal year above FY 75 levels.

ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL NOTE

FOR

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219
(Part 3)

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Assumptions and Calculations

OAA, AD AND AB OPTION IMPACT

With an increase of over \$1.4 million in claims to Medical Assistance in FY 76 to over \$2.1 million in FY 80, the Division estimates that it will need additional 1.5 to 2.5 staff members to handle the increased workload.

JUSTIFICATION FOR POSITIONS - SENATE BILL NO. 219 - COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SUMMARY OF CURRENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

Expenditures: \$920,500/month; approximately 7,000 claims (7,250 in March 1975, and 7,300 in April, to date)

Review of approximately 33 nursing home patients per month, (on site) by team of three - physician, medical social worker and nurse.

Review of approximately 175 physician invoices per month, by medical officer (on staff).

Review of approximately 2,400 pharmaceutical invoices per month, by pharmaceutical consultant (on contract).

Costs per staff member have been averaging \$15,975 in FY 75 for person services alone. An additional need of \$2,500 per staff member in contractual monies for FY 75 is also anticipated. This area includes keypunch and data processing support of claims. Equipment to support such new staff is estimated at \$1,333 per person for FY 75. Average travel costs per staff member are \$250 for FY 75. A ten percent cost of living allowance has been added to each additional year above FY 75 levels.

Personal Services

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Member		Cost for Personal Services
FY 76	1.5 persons	\$17,573/person	=	\$26,360
FY 77	1.5 persons	19,330/person	=	28,995
FY 78	2.5 persons	21,263/persons	=	53,158
FY 79	2.5 persons	25,389/persons	=	58,473
FY 80	2.5 persons	25,728/persons	=	64,320

Travel

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Members		Cost for Travel
FY 76	1.5 persons	\$275/person		\$413
FY 77	1.5 persons	303/person		455
FY 78	2.5 persons	333/person		833

FY 79	2.5 persons	366/person	915
FY 80	2.5 persons	403/person	1,008

Contractual

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Member	Cost for Contractual Service
FY 76	1.5 persons	\$2,750/person	\$4,125
FY 77	1.5 persons	3,025/person	4,538
FY 78	2.5 persons	3,328/person	3,320
FY 79	2.5 persons	3,661/person	9,153
FY 80	2.5 persons	4,027/person	10,067

Equipment

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Member	Cost for Commodity
FY 76	1.5 persons	\$1,466/person	\$2,199
FY 77	1.5 persons	1,613/person	2,420
FY 78	2.5 persons	1,774/person	4,435
FY 79	2.5 persons	1,951/person	4,878
FY 80	2.5 persons	2,146/person	5,365

Administration and support for Medicaid is funded 45% by State moneys and 55% by federal moneys.

FISCAL NOTE
CSSB 219
ADMINISTRATION COSTS
DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

TOTAL COST \$24.5

795 New cases are expected if CSSB 219 is passed. Each new case will require an eligibility determination, establishment of a case record, and an authorization for a payment, medical care, and possibly Food Stamps. In addition, each case will have to be maintained as long as it remains in an open status. Case maintenance includes periodic financial and possibly a medical review, address changes, grant changes, etc. Each determination, review, or change of status constitutes an action.

It is estimated that each case will require .54 actions per month. An Eligibility Worker can accomplish about 100 actions per month. Thus, 795 new cases will create about 429 actions per month. Many of these actions will be widely distributed among the Division's 23 eligibility offices around the State and not cause a significant impact in any one office. However, in the two largest offices, Anchorage and Bethel expected actions will exceed 100 and 50 per month respectively. Thus, new workload justifies one new position for Anchorage and one half position for Bethel.

Total FY 76 costs for the new positions and necessary back up items are expected to be \$24,492.

DK/vlh May 15, 1975

Medicare

Blue Cross

General Medicine
Department

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October 9, 1974

Mr. Walter Koren
Department of Health and Social Services
State of Alaska
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

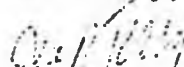
Dear Walt:

This is in reply to your telegram of October 8, 1974.

The estimates we made on increases in cost for fiscal year 1975 of 12-17% were based on projections that were being made at a national level at that time. Subsequent projections of hospital and nursing home costs now indicate an estimated increase of 25-30%.

We hope our estimates have not caused you additional problems.

Sincerely,



Jan R. Terry, Manager
Reimbursement and Facility Audit

JRT:11

Original sponsor: Bradley, Chance,
Kodey, et al

Offered: 5/15/75
Referred: Finance

IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to assistance to the aged, blind,
and disabled; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 47.25.430(a) is amended to read:

(a) Financial assistance shall be given under secs. 430 - 610 of this chapter, so far as practicable under the conditions in the state, to every aged, needy resident of the state who has attained the age of 55 years, who has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of property to qualify for assistance. Assistance shall be in an amount which will provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health in accordance with standards established by the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title XVI [, BUT MAY IN NO CASE EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH]. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

* Sec. 2. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The department shall determine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person with due regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions

existing in each case. Assistance shall be sufficient to provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health and according to the standards of assistance established by the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title XVI. [HOWEVER, ASSISTANCE MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.] Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.810 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.810. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance for a permanently and totally disabled person shall be determined by the department with regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions existing in each case. Where possible, assistance shall be sufficient to provide reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health and according to the standards of assistance established by the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title XVI. [HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.] Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the

1 maximum amount payable.

2 * Sec. 4. For purposes of determining the state contribution to receipt-
3 ents under AS 47.25.430(a), 47.25.640, and 47.25.810 as of July 1, 1975, the
4 Department of Health and Social Services shall establish levels of need not
5 exceeding \$300 a month for an individual recipient.

6 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.
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STATE
of ALASKA.

MEMORANDUM

TO: [Larry Sullivan
Director
Division of Public Assistance

DATE : December 12, 1975

FROM: David W. Freer
Special Assistant

SUBJECT: Fiscal notes

Attached is a fiscal note submitted for CSSB 219, which was referred to the Senate Finance Committee during the last legislative session.

Please review this information for accuracy, revise figures to reflect current costs, and add any pertinent data necessary.

I need this information not later than December 22, 1975.

Thanks.

DWF:cs

**Department of Health and Social Services
Intra-Department Route Slip
Juneau Central Office**

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- Alcoholism
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- Parole Board
- Planning and Research
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- Financial Management
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- Contracts
- Financial Operations
- Federal Reports
- Fiscal Services
- Graphic Arts/Library
- Personnel
- Supply

DIR, MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- Program Administration
- Developmental Disabilities
- Mental Health Services

DIR, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

- Assistance Payments
- Field Operations
- Food Stamps
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- Claims/Payment Unit
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- Admin Officer
- Family Program Unit
- Title XX
- WIN

DIR, CORRECTIONS

TO: D. Freed

Approval, Signature and Return

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COMMENT:

This legislation was passed last session as CSHB393. Thus, this fiscal note is dead as far as any further legislative action is concerned.

Office/Section DPA

Date 12/21

By [Signature]

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CS for Senate Bill No. 219

Title: "An Act relating to assistance to the Aged, blind and disabled; and providing an effective date."

Requested by: Senate Health & Social Services Date: May 15, 1975

Return Date Requested:

Agency: Dept. Health & Social Services Program: Social Services
Medical Assistance

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Assistance Payments, Medicaid, General Relief-

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Medical, Medical Assistance, Admin. & Support

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		48.8	55.6	80.5	88.3	97.0
200 TRAVEL		8.8	9.7	10.9	12.0	13.3
300 CONTRACTUAL		1,372.5	1,510.0	1,664.2	1,830.6	2,015.7
400 COMMODITIES		67.5	74.2	81.6	89.8	98.8
500 EQUIPMENT		2.9	5.1	5.2	5.8	6.4
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		2,187.5	2,406.3	2,646.9	2,911.6	3,202.8
TOTAL	-0-	3,688.0	4,056.9	4,489.1	4,958.1	5,452.0

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	3,062.2	3,368.3	3,717.1	4,089.0	4,498.0
FEDERAL FUNDS		625.8	688.6	772.0	849.1	934.0
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	3 / 0	3 / 0	4 / 0	4 / 0	4 / 0
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	36 / 0	36 / 0	48 / 0	48 / 0	48 / 0

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

FEDERAL FUNDS are calculated:

55% of Line Items 100,200,300,500 relating to Medicaid Admin. & Support

50% of Line Items 200 and 300 relating to Medicaid Medical Payments.

0% of Line Items 700 relating to State Aid Grant Cost.

0% of Line Items 300 & 400 relating to General Relief-Medical costs.

ATTACHED COPY for analysis of impact on Medical Assistance Program and Family and Children Services.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska, dated October 9, 1974, stating projections of costs for hospitals and nursing homes.

V. DATE: 5/15/75

PREPARED BY: [Signature]

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

CSSB 219
 OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, AID TO DISABLED, AID TO BLIND
 \$300 MAXIMUM NEEDS PLUS PASS THROUGH INCREASES IN COST OF LIVING FROM TITLE XVI

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, AID TO BLIND, AID TO DISABLED	ADDITIONAL COST TO INCREASE CASH BENEFITS	COSTS TO COVER LONGEVITY BONUS AFTER	ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS	ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FY 76 COSTS
\$500 maximum benefit level adjusted by pass along of Title XVI cost of living increases; longevity bonus recipients will get \$400 Maximum needs; will bring 795 new recipients into program; will increase costs for cash and medical assistance programs.	\$1,755.2 SEE BELOW	\$454.3 (6 months) 755 longevity bonus recipients X \$80 SSI loss X 6 = \$362.4 + 385 longevity bonus recipients X \$40 SSI loss X 6 = \$91.9.	\$1,442.9 795 new eligibles X \$1,814.97 average annual medical cost = \$1,442.9 for drugs & miscellaneous medical items.	\$57.6 3 positions and necessary support items, e.g., keypunch data processing, equipment, travel, etc.	\$5,688.0 3,062.2 SGF 625.8 Federal

ADDITIONAL COST TO INCREASE CASH BENEFITS

	<u>\$ Amount</u>		<u># Recipients</u>		<u>Months</u>	<u>SGF Cost</u>
State & Federal COLA 1974	\$9.00	X	351	X	12	\$340.2
State COLA 1975	5.47	X	3150	X	12	206.8
Federal COLA 1975	12.41	X	9451	X	12	140.7
Bring Maximum Needs Level to \$300	23.12	X	3150	X	12	873.9
New Caseload Resulting from Increased Needs Level	20.00	X	715	X	12	171.6

ATTACHMENT #1
FISCAL NOTE
ON
CSSB 219
CASH ASSISTANCE COSTS

	<u>COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 219</u>				<u>ENACTMENT OF JULY 1974</u>	
	June 1974 Payment	1974 COLA 4.3%	July 1974 Payment	1975 COLA 8.5%	July 1975 Payment	July 1975 Need's Level
FEDERAL PAYMENT	\$140.00	+ \$6.00	\$146.00	+ \$12.41	\$158.41	\$18.41
						8.12
						<u>26.53</u>
						250.00
						<u>\$276.88</u>
STATE (APL) (Average Payment Level)	\$61.75	+ \$3.00 <u>\$9.00</u>	\$64.40	+ \$5.47 <u>\$17.88</u>	\$69.87	

COSTS OF JULY 1974 ENACTMENT DATE OF CSSB 219

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State & Federal COLA 1974	\$9.00	x 3150	x 12	\$340.2
State COLA 1975	\$5.47	x 3150	x 12	\$206.8
Federal COLA 1975	\$12.41	x 945 ¹	x 12	\$140.7
Bring Maximum Needs Level to \$300 ²	\$23.12	x 3150	x 12	\$873.9
Longevity Bonus	\$80.00	x 755	x 6	\$362.4
After 12/31/75 ³	\$40.00	x 383	x 6	\$ 91.9
New Caseload Result- ing from Increased Needs Level ⁴	\$20.00	x 715	x 12	<u>\$171.6</u>
				\$2,197.5

¹945 current recipients do not receive SSI because of excess income. To bring payments to such recipients up to new level created by SSI COLA will cost a maximum of \$12.41 per recipient per month.

²Intent of CSSB 219 is to create maximum needs level of \$300. After 1974 and 1975 Federal and State COLA increases, needs level is \$276.88. Thus, \$23.12 per recipient is needed to reach CSSB 219 intended level of \$300.00.

³Assumes Longevity Bonus (ALB) will not be disregarded as income by SSI after 12/31/75. Thus, state must make up current federal payment of \$80.00 per

month per recipient for 755 recipients whose only income is ALB and \$40.00 per month per recipient for 383 who have ALB plus other income.

⁴Based on 1970 Census on economic characteristics by age, estimate 795 new recipients as a result of need level increase to \$300.00. Of 795, 80 will be nursing home patients not affected by needs level increase. 715 will be affected and estimate average payment of \$20.00 per month per recipient.

DK/vlh May 15, 1975

ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL NOTE
 FOR
 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219
 (Part 2)
 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Assumptions and Calculations

This bill would raise the legal standard for old age assistance from \$250 to \$500 monthly and adjusted in accordance with pass through of Social Security increases.

Medicaid Projections

The Division of Family and Children Services in its position paper on this topic estimates its caseload impact as 495 new OAA recipients, 290 new AD recipients and 10 new AB recipients. Since such recipient would be eligible for medical assistance under Medicaid, funded 50% federal moneys and 50% state moneys, the Division of Medical Assistance estimates the bill would effect its budget in the following manner:

TOTAL PROJECTIONS OF IMPACT ON MEDICAID BUDGET

OAA OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2}	Total Cost ³ Per Eligible	Total Cost for Medicaid For OAA Impact
FY 76	495 eligible	\$1,357/eligible	\$671,715
FY 77	495 eligible	1,495/eligible	739,035

FY 73	495 eligible	1,642/eligible	812,790
FY 79	495 eligible	1,806/eligible	893,970
FY 80	495 eligible	1,987/eligible	983,565

AD OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2}	Total Cost ³ Per Eligible	Total Cost for Medicaid For New AD Impact
FY 76	290 eligible	\$1,791/eligible	\$519,390
FY 77	290 eligible	1,970/eligible	571,300
FY 78	290 eligible	2,167/eligible	628,430
FY 79	290 eligible	2,584/eligible	691,360
FY 80	290 eligible	2,622/eligible	760,380

AB OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2}	Total Cost ⁵ Per Eligible	Total Cost for Medicaid For New AB Impact
FY 76	10 eligible	\$534 /eligible	\$5,340
FY 77	10 eligible	587/eligible	5,870
FY 78	10 eligible	646/eligible	6,460
FY 79	10 eligible	711/eligible	7,110
FY 80	10 eligible	782/eligible	7,820

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Caseload eligible figures are based on Division of Family and Children Services estimates.

- 2 No increases in caseload are included in this category. Small cost of living increases will add and delete recipients of this type. The effect will probably counterbalance each other. Dramatic cost of living increase will add a number of recipients. The exact number is unknown as there is no sound statistical projection on cost of living on which to base caseload figures.

- 3 Cost per eligible for each fiscal year was determined as follows:

Computer runs for required federal report SRS-NCSS 2082 for FY 74 determined the cost per OAA eligible for Medicaid to be \$949, per AD eligible for Medicaid to be \$1,252, and per AB eligible for Medicaid to be \$373. Cost of living increase was added as follows: 30% for FY 75 (see attached letter dated October 9, 1974, from Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska, for increase projected) and 10% for each additional fiscal year above FY 75 levels.

TRAVEL AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

The projected costs for travel and contractual services were based on information from SRS-NCSS-2082 for FY 74. Generally, travel items make up 00.7% of total projected budget increases, while the rest is contractual services. The Division projects no impact on equipment expenditures.

GENERAL RELIEF - MEDICAL PROJECTIONS

Certain of these new recipients would be eligible under the General Relief-Medical for services not covered under the State's Medicaid program, if they did not have any prior health resource. Drug, prosthetic devices, dental work, therapy, glasses, and hearing aids would be included in that category. General Relief-Medical funds come entirely from State moneys. The Division of Medical Assistance estimates the bill would affect the General Relief-Medical program in the following ways:

Contractual Services

Prosthetic devices, dental work, therapy, glasses and hearing aids are included in that category. Computer runs for the FY 74 Medicaid Annual Status Report to the legislature show that:

- 1) 43.8% of all OAA eligibles used General Relief-Medical services.
- 2) 36.6% of all AD eligibles used General Relief-Medical Services.
- 3) 38.2% of all AB eligibles used General Relief-Medical Services.
- 4) \$453.00 was the average cost per patient of such individuals for non-covered Medicaid services in contractual services area.

OAA OPTION IMPACT

The Division of Medical Assistance estimates that 217 persons or (45.8% of 495 eligibles as projected by Division of Family and Children Services) will actually use services under the General Relief-Medical Program.

Contractual Services for General Relief-Medical

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ³ Per Patient	Total Cost of Contractual Services to New OAA Impact User
FY 76	217/patient	\$548.12/patient	\$118,942
FY 77	217/patient	602.94/patient	130,838
FY 78	217/patient	663.25/patient	143,921
FY 79	217/patient	729.55/patient	158,312
FY 80	217/patient	802.51/patient	174,145

AD OPTION IMPACT

The Division of Medical Assistance estimates that 106 AD persons (or 36.6% of 290 AD eligibles) as projected by Division of Family and Children Services will actually use services under the General Relief-Medical program.

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ⁵ Per Patient	Total Cost of Contractual Services to New AD Impact User
FY 76	106/patient	\$ 548.13/patient	\$58,102
FY 77	106/patient	602.94/patient	63,912
FY 78	106/patient	663.25/patient	70,302
FY 79	106/patient	729.55/patient	77,352
FY 80	106/patient	802.51/patient	85,066

AB OPTION IMPACT

The Division of Medical Assistance estimates that 4 AB persons of 10 AB eligibles (as projected by Division of Family & Children Services) will actually use services under the General Relief-Medical program.

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ⁵ Per Patient	Total Cost of Contractual Services to New AB Impact User
FY 76	4/patient	\$548.13/patient	\$2,193
FY 77	4/patient	602.94/patient	2,412
FY 78	4/patient	663.23/patient	2,653
FY 79	4/patient	729.55/patient	2,918
FY 80	4/patient	802.51/patient	3,210

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Basically, this consists of drug purchases. For estimates of eligibles and users of services, please see sections on Assumption and Contractual Services for General Relief-Medical programs.

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AD OPTION IMPACT

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FY 76	106/patient	\$275.89/patient	\$29,244
FY 77	106/patient	303.48/patient	32,169
FY 78	106/patient	333.83/patient	35,386
FY 79	106/patient	367.21/patient	38,924
FY 80	106/patient	403.95/patient	42,817

AB OPTION IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Caseload Increase ^{1,2} (Users of GRM)	Total Cost ³ Per Patient	Total Cost of Commodities Services to New AB Impact
FY 76	4/patient	\$260.27/patient	\$1,041
FY 77	4/patient	286.30/patient	1,145
FY 78	4/patient	314.95/patient	1,260
FY 79	4/patient	346.42/patient	1,386
FY 80	4/patient	381.06/patient	1,524

1 See Footnote #1 under Contractual Services for General Relief-Medical

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3 Cost per patient was determined as follows: Computer runs for FY 73 and FY 74 Medicaid Annual Status Report to the Legislature show that \$112.44 was the average cost per OAA user of drug services for FY 73. \$171.71 was the average cost per AB user. \$182.01 was the average cost per AD user. Cost of living increases were added. For FY 74 the average cost was raised only 6%, due to prices held down by federal cost of living controls. 50% for FY 75 was added above FY 74 levels (see attached letter dated October 9, 1974, from Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska for increase projects) and 10% for each additional fiscal year above FY 75 levels.

ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL NOTE
FOR
CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219
(Part 5)

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Assumptions and Calculations

OAA, AD AND AB OPTION IMPACT

With an increase of over \$1.4 million in claims to Medical Assistance in FY 76 to over \$2.1 million in FY 80, the Division estimates that it will need additional 1.5 to 2.5 staff members to handle the increased workload.

JUSTIFICATION FOR POSITIONS - SENATE BILL NO. 219 - COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SUMMARY OF CURRENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

Expenditures: \$920,500/month; approximately 7,000 claims (7,250 in March 1975, and 7,300 in April, to date)

Review of approximately 33 nursing home patients per month, (on site) by team of three - physician, medical social worker and nurse.

Review of approximately 175 physician invoices per month, by medical officer (on staff).

Review of approximately 2,400 pharmaceutical invoices per month, by pharmaceutical consultant (on contract).

Release of approximately 250-275 pieces of correspondence and reports
monthly, to providers, other state agencies and to
Federal regional office (Seattle).

Staffing: 9 professional
 9 accounting
 6 clerical
 5 contract
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Adoption of CS for SB 219 would add in FY 76 only:

Expenditures of \$116,666 per month; approximately 388 claims
Review of approximately 6 nursing home patients per month
Review of approximately 22 physician invoices per month
Review of approximately 510 pharmaceutical invoices per month

Additional staffing: Part-time or contract med. soc. worker	.5
Accounting clerk	<u>1.0</u>
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The Division of Medical Assistance believes the above minimally but adequately covers the needs of the program expansion proposed in CS Senate Bill No. 219. Present staff is covering existing program and any increase in program of the scope described and fiscally analyzed must need additional staff.

Costs per staff member have been averaging \$15,975 in FY 75 for person services alone. An additional need of \$2,500 per staff member in contractual moneys for FY 75 is also anticipated. This area includes keypunch and data processing support of claims. Equipment to support such new staff is estimated at \$1,533 per person for FY 75. Average travel costs per staff member are \$250 for FY 75. A ten percent cost of living allowance has been added to each additional year above FY 75 levels.

Personal Services

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Member	=	Cost for Personal Services
FY 76	1.5 persons	\$17,575/person	=	\$26,360
FY 77	1.5 persons	19,330/person	=	28,995
FY 78	2.5 persons	21,265/persons	=	53,158
FY 79	2.5 persons	25,389/persons	=	58,473
FY 80	2.5 persons	25,728/persons	=	64,320

Travel

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Members	Cost for Travel
FY 76	1.5 persons	\$275/person	\$413
FY 77	1.5 persons	305/person	455
FY 78	2.5 persons	335/person	835

FY 79	2.5 persons	366/person	915
FY 80	2.5 persons	405/person	1,008

Contractual

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Member	Cost for Contractual Service
FY 76	1.5 persons	\$2,750/person	\$4,125
FY 77	1.5 persons	3,025/person	4,538
FY 78	2.5 persons	3,328/person	8,320
FY 79	2.5 persons	3,661/person	9,153
FY 80	2.5 persons	4,027/person	10,067

Equipment

Fiscal Year	No. of Staff Needed	Cost per Additional Staff Member	Cost for Commodity
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FY 77	1.5 persons	1,613/person	2,420
FY 78	2.5 persons	1,774/person	4,435
FY 79	2.5 persons	1,951/person	4,878
FY 80	2.5 persons	2,146/person	5,365

Administration and support for Medicaid is funded 45% by State moneys and 55% by federal moneys.

FISCAL NOTE
CSSB 219
ADMINISTRATION COSTS
DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

TOTAL COST \$24.5

795 New cases are expected if CSSB 219 is passed. Each new case will require an eligibility determination, establishment of a case record, and an authorization for a payment, medical care, and possibly Food Stamps. In addition, each case will have to be maintained as long as it remains in an open status. Case maintenance includes periodic financial and possibly a medical review, address changes, grant changes, etc. Each determination, review, or change of status constitutes an action.

It is estimated that each case will require .54 actions per month. An Eligibility Worker can accomplish about 100 actions per month. Thus, 795 new cases will create about 429 actions per month. Many of these actions will be widely distributed among the Division's 22 eligibility offices around the State and not cause a significant impact in any one office. However, in the two largest offices, Anchorage and Bethel expected actions will exceed 100 and 50 per month respectively. Thus, new workload justifies one new position for Anchorage and one half position for Bethel.

Total FY 76 costs for the new positions and necessary back up items are expected to be \$24,492.

DK/vlh May 15, 1975

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October 9, 1974

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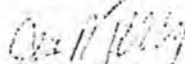
Dear Walt:

This is in reply to your telegram of October 8, 1974.

The estimates we made on increases in cost for fiscal year 1975 of 12-17% were based on projections that were being made at a national level at that time. Subsequent projections of hospital and nursing home costs now indicate an estimated increase of 25-30%.

We hope our estimates have not caused you additional problems.

Sincerely,



Jan R. Terry, Manager
Reimbursement and Facility Audit

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22 Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social
23 Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of
24 living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall
25 increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a per-
26 centage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in
27 the benefit amounts under Title XVI. [HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE
28 MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.] Direct payments for medical
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6 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.
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TO: *Senator Ray*
FROM: *Senator Bradley*
SUBJECT: *SB 196*

May 23, 1975

I have sent this Letter to the Editor to every newspaper in the State of Alaska, and I am not half through. Rose Palmquist's name is used in most places in the State for misrepresenting the facts. I waited on sending this letter to the local paper, but did today -- May 23, 1975. Bill, I hope you can get SB 219 out and wait on SB 196. Brad

Alaska State Legislature

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Senate

May 5, 1975

Dear Editor:

This letter is written to clarify a misunderstanding resulting from a vendetta against Senate Bill 196, which was instigated by Robert R. Gore of Ketchikan and Ross Palmquist of Juneau and Palmer. Letters, telegrams, and phone calls to numerous individuals throughout Alaska by these two individuals have unjustifiably propagandized many of our Pioneers and other Senior Citizens against this important and much needed Bill which was introduced in the Senate for their benefit. Mr. Gore and Mrs. Palmquist began criticizing the bill even before it was discussed in the appropriate Senate Committees, which is the proper time to testify and voice opinions on bills. They were not even fair-minded enough to let any of the sponsors explain the Bill to them in detail before starting their vendetta against it. It is quite obvious to all who have read the final version of the Bill that these two individuals acted without sufficient comprehension of the facts. Their conduct has definitely retarded the progress of this proposed legislation and that of many other bills urgently needed to assist our Senior Citizens living on fixed and limited incomes. Rapidly-increasing inflation is like an ever-growing cancer on their already too-small incomes.

Senate Bill 196 was initially written to be somewhat general to allow some flexibility, and was commented on verbally or in writing by most of the sponsors and approved by all, most of which are very experienced, highly-respected, veteran Senators. The Bill will statutorially establish within the Office of the Governor both the Commission on Aging (formerly the Office of Aging) and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging (which already existed but not by law or any written authority). By being located within the Office of the Governor, our Alaska Senior Citizen programs will receive even more emphasis, personal attention, centralized direction, and over-all importance.

The creation of the Commission on Aging will not entail any additional personnel, costs, or duplication of effort by the State, but will give it two duties in addition to those currently assigned it as the Office of Aging in the Department of Health and Social Services. The Commission will be required to report directly to the Governor important information concerning our Senior Citizens except that pertaining solely to the Pioneer homes and longevity bonus programs. These programs will not be effected by SB 196 in any way whatsoever. They will continue as they have in the Department of Administration. Additionally, the Commission

will become a point of contact for all Senior Citizen business from individuals or their organizations located outside the Juneau area, and will accomplish all necessary local coordination for those in outlying areas. There are approximately nine different offices, branches, sections, or divisions in four different departments that have to be contacted at some time concerning Senior Citizen matters. This business can be accomplished much faster, more efficiently, and less expensively if done locally rather than by long distance telephone or, as is sometimes necessary by travel to and from Juneau. Those who know the facts will verify that telephone communications to Juneau from elsewhere can be quite a difficult and time-consuming problem.

The fact that I have introduced nine bills to assist our Pioneers and other Senior Citizens should attest to my sincerity and willingness to help in every way I can and not to hinder in any way our elderly citizens. Consequently, I, as do the other sponsors of SB 196, strongly resent the accusations of Mr. Gore and Mrs. Palmquist. Senate Bill 196, as amended, specifically states that -- "The Commission has no powers or duties with respect to the Pioneer Homes and Longevity programs." They will continue as they have in the past. All Senior Citizen legislation I have introduced has residency requirements so that those from other states will not be encouraged to come to Alaska, because most Alaskans feel that we have no obligation to provide assistance for Senior Citizens who have lived most of their adult life contributing to another state. In regard to my bills for State assistance to the aged, generally, the greater the benefit, the longer the Alaska residency requirements. However, this does not and cannot exist where Federal assistance is involved, because Federal funds must be applied to all United States citizens with no special privileges as to residency in Alaska.

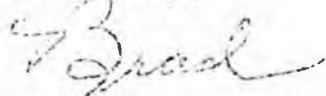
During the course of two Senate Health and Social Services Committee hearings on SB 196, neither Mr. Gore nor Mrs. Palmquist or anyone else could prove to any extent whatsoever that the Bill would adversely affect the Pioneer Homes and Longevity Bonus programs. Anyone who knows the facts will assure you it will not do any harm to the Pioneer programs, as they have falsely claimed, but will help the Pioneers in many ways. Although the original bill would not have had any unfavorable affect on the Pioneer programs, the Committee made all changes to the original Bill requested by Mrs. Palmquist. Mr. Gore made no constructive remarks concerning the Bill. As a result, the final Bill was passed through the Health and Social Services Committee with a unanimous DO PASS RECOMMENDATION. Most of the members of this Committee truly understand and are very much concerned about the needs of our Pioneers and other Senior Citizens.

There are many Alaska Pioneers and other Senior Citizens who strongly support and continually ask why I have not already had SB 196 passed by the Legislature. I repeatedly tell them that I have also been urged by many of the sponsors to get it on the Calendar. However, first, I want to be sure that I have answered all letters of those who have been misinformed. Next, I want to make absolutely clear and well-known as possible that the Senators who co-sponsored SB 196 would not dare do anything that would be detrimental to their Pioneer and other Senior Citizen constituents.

I believe Mr. Gore's and Mrs. Palmquist's biggest problem is -- they are now reluctant to admit they were wrong since they so widely publicized their misinterpretation of the facts before they discovered what the real facts were. If they were honest with themselves and everyone else they would have admitted they were wrong long ago.

If there are any interested persons who have not read Senate Bill 196, please let me know, and I will send them a copy of the Bill by return mail. I will also gladly answer any questions they may have concerning this Bill or any other Senior Citizen bills I have sponsored.

Sincerely,



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