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STATE OF ALASKA  
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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| 2  | \$17,120 | \$23,112 | \$ 25,680 |

| Poverty Level  | FY08 Estimated Caseload | Benefit    | FY08 Estimated Benefit Cost |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| < 100%         | 5,000                   | \$175      | \$10,500.0                  |
| 100 - 135%     | 2,643                   | \$150      | \$4,757.4                   |
| 135 - 150%     | 1,157                   | \$100      | \$1,388.4                   |
| Total Caseload | 8,800                   | Total Cost | \$16,645.8                  |

| Fiscal Year | Total Estimated Caseload | Total Estimated Benefit |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| FY08*       | 8,800                    | \$ 15,258.7             |
| FY09        | 8,914                    | \$ 16,862.2             |
| FY10        | 9,030                    | \$ 17,081.4             |
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*Adopted 6/26/07*

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6/25/07

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS OLSON, Wielechowski, Elton, Kookesh, Ellis**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to cash assistance for seniors; establishing the senior benefits payment**  
2 **program; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the legislature that

7 (1) the Alaska senior benefits payment program established under  
8 AS 47.45.301, as enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, be funded under the fiscal year 2008 public  
9 assistance appropriation as a general relief allocation until the Second Regular Session of the  
10 Twenty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature convenes, passes an appropriation bill that creates a  
11 new allocation under the public assistance appropriation, and the appropriation bill becomes  
12 law; and

13 (2) during the period described in (1) of this section, the program pay the full  
14 authorized benefit, notwithstanding AS 47.45.301(c) and 47.45.302(c), as enacted by sec. 3 of

1 this Act.

2 \* Sec. 2. AS 09.38.015(a) is amended to read:

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13 law;

14 (7) liquor licenses granted under AS 04;

15 (8) tuition credit or savings accounts under a higher education savings  
16 account established under AS 14.40.802 or an advance college tuition savings contract  
17 authorized under AS 14.40.809(a);

18 (9) a permanent fund dividend to the extent allowed under  
19 AS 43.23.065;

20 (10) benefits paid or payable as a senior care benefit under  
21 AS 47.45.300 - 47.45.390;

22 (11) benefits paid or payable under AS 47.45.301 - 47.45.309.

23 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

24 **Sec. 47.45.301. Alaska senior benefits payment program.** (a) The Alaska  
25 senior benefits payment program is established in the Department of Health and Social  
26 Services to provide cash benefits as far as practicable under appropriations provided  
27 by law.

28 (b) The department shall administer the program and adopt regulations under  
29 AS 44.62 to carry out the purposes of the program.

30 (c) If the department estimates that appropriations for the program are  
31 insufficient to meet the demands of the program in a fiscal year, the department may

1 reduce or eliminate the cash benefit available to recipients.

2 **Sec. 47.45.302. Cash assistance benefit.** (a) An individual is eligible for a  
3 cash assistance benefit under the program if the individual

4 (1) is 65 years of age or older;

5 (2) is a resident of the state;

6 (3) has a household income that does not exceed 150 percent of the  
7 annual federal poverty line for Alaska, as determined by the United States Department  
8 of Health and Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2);

9 (4) has not received a longevity bonus payment under AS 47.45.010 -  
10 47.45.160 for the same period; and

11 (5) applies on a form provided by the department; the department may  
12 use an abbreviated form for an individual who received a payment under an assistance  
13 program for seniors that paid \$120 a month and was administered by the department  
14 on or before the effective date of this section.

15 (b) An eligible individual shall receive a monthly cash assistance payment  
16 beginning on August 1, 2007, or on the effective date of this Act, whichever is later, as  
17 follows:

18 (1) \$175 if the individual's household income does not exceed 100  
19 percent of the federal poverty line for Alaska;

20 (2) \$150 if the individual's household income does not exceed 135  
21 percent but is above 100 percent of the federal poverty line for Alaska;

22 (3) \$100 if the individual's household income does not exceed 150  
23 percent but is above 135 percent of the federal poverty line for Alaska.

24 (c) Cash assistance provided under this section is subject to appropriation.

25 **Sec. 47.45.304. Continuation of benefits.** An eligible individual who leaves  
26 the state may not receive a cash benefit under AS 47.45.302 during the absence unless  
27 the individual's absence is temporary and is for one of the following reasons:

28 (1) to receive medical treatment for the individual;

29 (2) to accompany the individual's family member who is receiving  
30 medical treatment outside the state; or

31 (3) for a vacation, business trip, or other absence of less than 30

1 consecutive days, unless the individual has applied for and received a time extension  
2 from the department for special circumstances.

3 **Sec. 47.45.306. Appeal rights.** An individual who receives a determination  
4 from the department that denies, limits, or modifies a cash benefit under AS 47.45.301  
5 - 47.45.309, other than a determination under AS 47.45.301(c) to reduce or eliminate  
6 benefits, may request a hearing before the department under regulations adopted by  
7 the department.

8 **Sec. 47.45.308. Ability to recover or recoup improper assistance or**  
9 **benefits.** An individual is liable to the department for the value of assistance or  
10 benefits improperly paid to the individual under AS 47.45.302 or former AS 47.45.310  
11 or 47.45.320 if the improper payment was based on inaccurate or incomplete  
12 information provided by the individual. In a civil action brought by the state to recover  
13 from the individual the value of assistance or benefits improperly paid under  
14 AS 47.45.302 or former AS 47.45.310 or 47.45.320, the state may recover from the  
15 individual the costs of investigation and prosecution of the civil action, including  
16 attorney fees as determined under court rules.

17 **Sec. 47.45.309. Definitions.** In AS 47.45.301 - 47.45.309,

18 (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;

19 (2) "eligible individual" means an individual who meets the  
20 requirements of AS 47.45.301 - 47.45.309 and regulations adopted under those  
21 statutes for eligibility for the program;

22 (3) "family member" means a person who is

23 (A) legally related to an eligible individual through marriage or  
24 guardianship; or

25 (B) an eligible individual's sibling, parent, grandparent, son,  
26 daughter, grandson, granddaughter, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or first cousin;

27 (4) "program" means the senior benefits payment program established  
28 in AS 47.45.301 - 47.45.309;

29 (5) "resident" has the meaning given in AS 47.25.430(a).

30 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 09.38.015(a)(11); AS 47.45.301, 47.45.302, 47.45.304, 47.45.306, 47.45.308,  
31 and 47.45.309 are repealed June 30, 2011.

1     \* Sec. 5. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
2 read:

3           APPLICABILITY: SENIOR BENEFIT ASSISTANCE. In addition to meeting the  
4 eligibility requirements under AS 47.45.302 and 47.45.304, a person may not receive cash  
5 assistance under the senior benefits payment program enacted by sec. 3 of this Act if the  
6 person is receiving cash assistance or a prescription drug benefit under a separate senior  
7 benefit program established by the Department of Health and Social Services under 7 AAC  
8 47.575 - 7 AAC 47.590).

9     \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Adopted

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AMENDMENT |

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE MEYER

TO: HCS CSSB 4(FIN), Draft Version "N"

1 Page 1, line 9, following "relief":

2 Insert "assistance"

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4 Page 5, line 3:

5 Delete "ASSISTANCE"

6 Insert "PAYMENT PROGRAM"

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8 Page 5, following line 8:

9 Insert a new bill section to read:

10 "§ Sec. 6. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 TRANSITION: SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENTS MADE DURING FISCAL YEAR  
13 2008. The provisions of AS 47.45.301(c), enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, and AS 47.45.302(c),  
14 enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, do not apply to payments made under AS 47.45.301 - 47.45.309,  
15 enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, by the Department of Health and Social Services for the period  
16 beginning August 1, 2007, and ending on the effective date of enactment by the Twenty-Fifth  
17 Alaska State Legislature of an appropriation bill that makes an allocation under the public  
18 assistance appropriation to fund the senior benefits payment program, but not later than  
19 June 30, 2008."

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21 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

by Kelly

## Conceptual Amend. 1

- ① Extend current program.  
to June 30, 2011
- ② Eliminate prescription drug  
benefit
- ③ Change the name to Senior  
Benefit Program
- ④ Allow legal to make  
confirming changes.

AMENDMENT 2

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: HCS CS SB 4 (FIN)

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER

1 Page 3, line 6

2 Delete "150"

3 Insert "175"

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5 Page 3, line 15-23

6 Delete all material

7 Insert:

8 (b) An eligible individual shall receive a monthly cash assistance payment  
9 beginning on August 1, 2007, or on the effective date of this Act, whichever is later,  
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2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HCS CSS84(FIN) (HB198)  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU Public Assistance  
 Component General Relief Assistance

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title RELATING TO SENIOR ASSISTANCE

Sponsor OLSON

Requester HOUSE (FIN)

Component No. .221

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008         | FY 2009         | FY 2010         | FY 2011         | FY 2012    | FY 2013    |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Services      | 421.9           | 480.2           | 460.2           | 460.2           |            |            |
| Travel                 | 8.9             | 9.7             | 9.7             | 9.7             |            |            |
| Contractual            | 218.9           | 189.7           | 189.7           | 169.7           |            |            |
| Supplies               | 49.9            | 43.5            | 43.5            | 43.5            |            |            |
| Equipment              |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Land & Structures      |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Grants & Claims        | 17,792.5        | 19,662.3        | 19,917.9        | 20,176.9        |            |            |
| Miscellaneous          |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>18,492.1</b> | <b>20,345.4</b> | <b>20,601.0</b> | <b>20,860.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

**CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)**

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|                                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| 1003 GF Match                         |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| 1004 GF                               | 18,492.1        | 20,345.4        | 20,601.0        | 20,860.0        |            |            |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
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Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

|           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Full-time | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  |
| Part-time |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Temporary |   |   |   |   |  |  |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The current program serves low-income seniors age 65 and above, and provides a cash benefit of \$120 or a prescription drug benefit for payment of premiums and deductible for prescription drug insurance. Nearly 7,000 seniors receive the cash benefit and about 140 receive the prescription drug benefit. The current program freezes the income level at 135% of 2005 federal poverty guidelines for Alaska and includes an asset test.

Prepared by: Ellie Fitzjarrald, Director  
 Division: Public Assistance  
 Approved by: Karlaen Jackson, Commissioner  
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

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 Date/Time 06/22/2007  
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| 100% to 175%       | 5,700                    | \$ 125         | \$ 8,550.0                   |
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AMENDMENT 3

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARA

TO: HCS CSSB 4(FIN), Draft Version "N"

1 Page 1, line 14:

2 Delete "47.45.302(c)"

3 Insert "47.45.302(d)"

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5 Page 3, following line 23:

6 Insert a new subsection to read:

7 "(c) Beginning July 1, 2008, the commissioner of health and social services  
8 may annually compound and adjust the monthly cash assistance payment amount  
9 provided in (b) of this section. An adjustment made by the commissioner under this  
10 subsection may not exceed an amount compounded and adjusted by the Consumer  
11 Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by  
12 the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor. The index for  
13 January 2007 is the reference base index, and the dollar amounts change on October 1  
14 of each year. The commissioner may make the adjustment under this subsection only  
15 to the extent sufficient funding is available to pay for the adjustment for that fiscal  
16 year."

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18 Reletter the following subsection accordingly.

not adopted

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5 (8) tuition credit or savings accounts under a higher education savings  
6 account established under AS 14.40.802 or an advance college tuition savings contract  
7 authorized under AS 14.40.809(a);  
8 (9) a permanent fund dividend to the extent allowed under  
9 AS 43.23.065;  
10 (10) benefits paid or payable as a senior benefits [CARE] benefit  
11 under AS 47.45.300 - 47.45.390.

12 \* Sec. 2. AS 37.05.146(c)(80) is amended to read:

- 13 (80) the Alaska senior benefits [SENIOR CARE] fund  
14 (AS 47.45.360);

15 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) In addition to the persons specified in (a) of this section, the following  
17 optional groups of persons for whom the state may claim federal financial  
18 participation are eligible for medical assistance:

19 (1) persons eligible for but not receiving assistance under any plan of  
20 the state approved under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act,  
21 Supplemental Security Income) or a federal program designated as the successor to the  
22 aid to families with dependent children program;

23 (2) persons in a general hospital, skilled nursing facility, or  
24 intermediate care facility, who, if they left the facility, would be eligible for assistance  
25 under one of the federal programs specified in (1) of this subsection;

26 (3) persons under 21 years of age who are under supervision of the  
27 department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part from public  
28 funds, and who are in foster homes or private child-care institutions;

29 (4) aged, blind, or disabled persons, who, because they do not meet  
30 income and resources requirements, do not receive supplemental security income  
31 under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act), and who do not

1 receive a mandatory state supplement, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if  
2 they were not in a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to receive an  
3 optional state supplementary payment;

4 (5) persons under 21 years of age who are in an institution designated  
5 as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded and who are financially  
6 eligible as determined by the standards of the federal program designated as the  
7 successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

8 (6) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility whose income  
9 while in the facility does not exceed \$1,656 a month but who would not be eligible for  
10 an optional state supplementary payment if they left the hospital or other facility;

11 (7) persons under 21 years of age who are receiving active treatment in  
12 a psychiatric hospital and who are financially eligible as determined by the standards  
13 of the federal program designated as the successor to the aid to families with  
14 dependent children program;

15 (8) persons under 21 years of age and not covered under (a) of this  
16 section, who would be eligible for benefits under the federal program designated as  
17 the successor to the aid to families with dependent children program, except that they  
18 have the care and support of both their natural and adoptive parents;

19 (9) pregnant women not covered under (a) of this section and who  
20 meet the income and resource requirements of the federal program designated as the  
21 successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

22 (10) persons under 21 years of age not covered under (a) of this section  
23 who the department has determined cannot be placed for adoption without medical  
24 assistance because of a special need for medical or rehabilitative care and who the  
25 department has determined are hard-to-place children eligible for subsidy under  
26 AS 25.23.190 - 25.23.210;

27 (11) persons who can be considered under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(3) (Title  
28 XIX, Social Security Act, Medical Assistance) to be individuals with respect to whom  
29 a supplemental security income is being paid under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title  
30 XVI, Social Security Act) because they meet all of the following criteria:

31 (A) they are 18 years of age or younger and qualify as disabled

1 individuals under 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a) (Title XVI, Social Security Act);

2 (B) the department has determined that

3 (i) they require a level of care provided in a hospital,  
4 nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded;

5 (ii) it is appropriate to provide their care outside of an  
6 institution; and

7 (iii) the estimated amount that would be spent for  
8 medical assistance for their individual care outside an institution is not  
9 greater than the estimated amount that would otherwise be expended  
10 individually for medical assistance within an appropriate institution;

11 (C) if they were in a medical institution, they would be eligible  
12 for medical assistance under other provisions of this chapter; and

13 (D) home and community-based services under a waiver  
14 approved by the federal government are either not available to them under this  
15 chapter or would be inappropriate for them;

16 (12) disabled persons, as described in 42 U.S.C.  
17 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII), who are in families whose income, as determined under  
18 applicable federal regulations or guidelines, is less than 250 percent of the official  
19 poverty line applicable to a family of that size according to the federal office of  
20 management and budget, and who, but for earnings in excess of the limit established  
21 under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(q)(2)(B), would be considered to be individuals with respect to  
22 whom a supplemental security income is being paid under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c; a  
23 person eligible for assistance under this paragraph who is not eligible under another  
24 provision of this section shall pay a premium or other cost-sharing charges according  
25 to a sliding fee scale that is based on income as established by the department in  
26 regulations;

27 (13) persons under 19 years of age who are not covered under (a) of  
28 this section and whose household income does not exceed 175 percent of the federal  
29 poverty line for Alaska set by the United States Department of Health and  
30 Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2)

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(F) \$4,501 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF SIX PERSONS;

(G) \$5,074 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF SEVEN PERSONS;

(H) \$5,647 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF EIGHT PERSONS;

(I) \$5,647 A MONTH, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$574 A MONTH FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON ABOVE EIGHT PERSONS WHO IS IN THE HOUSEHOLD IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF NINE PERSONS OR MORE];

(14) pregnant women who are not covered under (a) of this section and whose household income does not exceed 175 percent of the federal poverty guideline for Alaska set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services

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10 PERSONS OR MORE];

11 (15) persons who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer  
12 and who are eligible for coverage under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII).

13 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 47.45.300 is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 **Sec. 47.45.300. Alaska senior benefits payment program.** (a) The Alaska  
15 senior benefits payment program is established in the Department of Health and Social  
16 Services to provide cash benefits as far as practicable under appropriations provided  
17 by law.

18 (b) The department shall administer the program and adopt regulations under  
19 AS 44.62 to carry out the purposes of the program.

20 (c) If the department estimates that appropriations for the program are  
21 insufficient to meet the demands of the program in a fiscal year, the department may  
22 reduce or eliminate the cash benefit available to recipients.

23 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 47.45.310 is repealed and reenacted to read:

24 **Sec. 47.45.310. Cash assistance benefit.** (a) An individual is eligible for a  
25 cash assistance benefit under the program if the individual

26 (1) is 65 years of age or older;

27 (2) is a resident of the state;

28 (3) has a household income that does not exceed 150 percent of the  
29 annual federal poverty guidelines for Alaska, as determined by the United States  
30 Department of Health and Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2);

31 (4) has not received a longevity bonus payment under AS 47.45.010 -

1 47.45.160 for the same period; and

2 (5) applies on a form provided by the department; the department may  
3 use an abbreviated form for an individual who received a payment under an assistance  
4 program for seniors that paid \$120 a month and was administered by the department  
5 on or before the effective date of this section.

6 (b) An eligible individual shall receive a monthly cash assistance payment as  
7 follows:

8 (1) \$175 if the individual's household income does not exceed 100  
9 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska;

10 (2) \$150 if the individual's household income does not exceed 135  
11 percent but is above 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska;

12 (3) \$100 if the individual's household income does not exceed 150  
13 percent but is above 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska.

14 (c) Cash assistance provided under this section is subject to appropriation.

15 \* Sec. 6. AS 47.45.330 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 47.45.330. Continuation of benefits.** An eligible individual who leaves  
17 the state may not receive a cash [ASSISTANCE] benefit under AS 47.45.310 [OR  
18 PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT UNDER AS 47.45.320] during the absence unless  
19 the individual's absence is temporary and is for one of the following reasons:

20 (1) to receive medical treatment for the individual;

21 (2) to accompany the individual's family member who is receiving  
22 medical treatment outside the state; or

23 (3) for a vacation, business trip, or other absence of less than 30  
24 consecutive days, unless the individual has applied for and received a time extension  
25 from the department for special circumstances.

26 \* Sec. 7. AS 47.45.340 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 47.45.340. Appeal rights.** An individual who receives a determination  
28 from the department that denies, limits, or modifies a cash [ASSISTANCE] benefit  
29 [OR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT] under AS 47.45.300 - 47.45.390, other than  
30 a determination under AS 47.45.300(c) to reduce or eliminate benefits, may request a  
31 hearing before the department under regulations adopted by the department.

1 \* Sec. 8. AS 47.45.350 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 47.45.350. Ability to recover or recoup improper assistance benefits.**

3 An individual is liable to the department for the value of assistance or benefits  
4 improperly paid to the person under AS 47.45.310 or former AS 47.45.320  
5 [47.45.320] if the improper payment was based on inaccurate or incomplete  
6 information provided by the individual. In a civil action brought by the state to recover  
7 from the individual the value of assistance or benefits improperly paid under  
8 AS 47.45.310 or former AS 47.45.320 [47.45.320], the state may recover from the  
9 individual the costs of investigation and prosecution of the civil action, including  
10 attorney fees as determined under court rules.

11 \* Sec. 9. AS 47.45.360 is repealed and reenacted to read:

12 **Sec. 47.45.360. Alaska senior benefits fund.** The Alaska senior benefits fund  
13 is established as an account in the general fund. The fund shall be used by the  
14 commissioner of health and social services to pay for costs incurred in the provision of  
15 senior services under AS 47.45.300 - 47.45.390. The fund consists of

- 16 (1) money in the former senior care fund established in sec. 2, ch. 89,  
17 SLA 2005;
- 18 (2) appropriations to the Alaska senior benefits fund; and
- 19 (3) any appropriation of interest earned on money in the Alaska senior  
20 benefits fund.

21 \* Sec. 10. AS 47.45.390(2) is amended to read:

22 (2) "eligible individual" means an individual who meets the  
23 requirements of AS 47.45.310 [OR 47.45.320] and regulations adopted under that  
24 statute [THOSE STATUTES] for eligibility for the program;

25 \* Sec. 11. Section 4, ch. 89, SLA 2005, is repealed and reenacted to read:

26 Sec. 4. AS 47.45.320 is repealed on June 30, 2007.

27 \* Sec. 12. AS 09.38.015(a)(10); AS 37.05.146(e)(80); AS 47.45.300, 47.45.310, 47.45.330,  
28 47.45.340, 47.45.350, 47.45.360, and 47.45.390 are repealed June 30, 2011.

29 \* Sec. 13. Section 9, ch. 89, SLA 2005, is repealed.

30 \* Sec. 14. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
31 read:

1           RETROACTIVITY AND REVIVAL. If secs. 1, 2, and 4 - 13 of this Act take effect  
2 after June 30, 2007,

3                   (1) AS 47.45.300 - 47.45.390, as amended by this Act, and secs. 11 and 13 of  
4 this Act, are retroactive to June 30, 2007; and

5                   (2) AS 47.45.300, 47.45.310, 47.45.330, 47.45.340, 47.45.350, 47.45.360, and  
6 47.45.390, as amended by this Act, are revived.

7       \* Sec. 15. Section 14 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

8       \* Sec. 16. Except as provided in sec. 15 of this Act, this Act takes effect June 30, 2007.

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**Cash aid for elderly in flux****DEBATE: Longevity bonus plays different roles in House, Senate bills.**By ANNE SUTTON  
The Associated Press*(Published: April 11, 2007)*

JUNEAU -- A measure to provide monthly cash payments to needy seniors was yanked from the floor of the Alaska House on Tuesday while a similar bill breezed through the Senate.

The House bill would have eliminated the long-standing senior longevity bonus -- which hasn't been funded in years -- by erasing it from state statutes. The Senate bill did not address the longevity bonus.

Both the House and Senate measures would create a beefed-up cash assistance program for Alaska's low-income elderly.

The more generous of the two is the Alaska Senior Assistance Program, proposed by Rep. Mike Hawker, R-Anchorage. His bill would provide monthly cash payments ranging from \$125 to \$250 to any senior whose income does not exceed 175 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$1,635 a month for a one-person household.

But the trade-off, according to Hawker, was the elimination of the longevity bonus.

Hawker argued that the bonus discriminated against low-income seniors who do not qualify for it while it provided cash payments to many wealthy seniors who did not need it.

"We have ability to be far more generous today in taking care of the needs of our lowest income seniors when we no longer make them compete for funding with the wealthiest, most privileged Alaskans," Hawker said.

The longevity bonus was created in 1972 to provide elderly Alaskans an incentive to continue living in the state. Enrollment for the program was closed in 1996. Gov. Frank Murkowski cut the funding four years ago.

Supporters of the longevity bonus said it was a promise made to Alaska's seniors that was cruelly and unfairly broken.

Rep. Les Gara, D-Anchorage, said many seniors who counted on the money were not the wealthiest Alaskans.

"It is money for seniors who are having difficulty making ends meet, who won't be helped by the senior care plan," Gara said. "And I don't relish having to vote in a way that pits one group of seniors against another group of seniors."

An amendment to keep the longevity bonus on the books passed the House 20-17. House Speaker John Harris, R-Valdez, then sent Hawker's bill back to the Rules Committee.

Gov. Sarah Palin's legislative liaison, John Bitney, told reporters later that the governor hoped to see Hawker's bill move forward with the amendment. Palin during her election campaign pledged to try to reinstate the longevity bonus.

"With the amendment passing, it was a good bill and I think it was the internal politics of the House majority that led to the bill be pulled back," Bitney said.

As the floor session ended, Hawker loudly declared his bill was dead. But the AARP of Alaska, which supported Hawker's bill, continued to hold out hope.

"We just celebrated Easter, I'm hoping for a resurrection now," said executive director Pat Luby.

The Senate bill passed 14-2.

Both the House and Senate measures also contain provisions to raise the level of funding for the Denali KidCare program, a Medicaid program run by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

The measures are House Bill 198 and Senate Bill 4.

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## Lawmakers work to bring back bonus

### Assistance plan for needy seniors advances as well

Democrats in the state House of Representatives won an unusual floor fight Tuesday as they united to symic an attempt to kill the state's longevity bonus program.

House Minority Leader Beth Kerttula, D-Juneau, urged her colleagues to keep the program for Alaska's pioneers alive.

"It was a very real promise, which people relied on," she said.

The House on Tuesday considered a bill to re-authorize a popular senior assistance program, sponsored by Mike Hawker, R-Anchorage, that would provide payments for poor seniors. A Senate bill, sponsored by Sen. Donny Olson, D-Nome, would do the same thing.

Hawker's House bill, however, also included a controversial repeal of the longevity bonus program, which has been on the books but not funded in recent years.

The bonus was ended by former Gov. Frank Murkowski, but many candidates last year campaigned on bringing it back. They included Kerttula and Gov. Sarah Palin.

The bonus would provide cash payments of as much as \$250 a month for the estimated 12,000 to 13,000 Alaskans now at least 75 years old who would qualify.

When Hawker's bill came to the House floor, it presented bonus supporters with an unpleasant choice: If they chose to support senior assistance, it would come at the cost of killing the longevity bonus.

Democrats objected to killing that program, and they were joined by some prominent Republicans, including Palin.

"The governor supports bringing back funding for the longevity bonus," said John Bitney, Palin's legislative affairs director.

Another key Republican supporting the longevity bonus, Rep. Bob Lynn of

Anchorage, proposed amending Hawker's senior assistance bill to remove the repeal of the longevity bonus statutes.

"We were supporting the amendment to leave those statutes in place" in hopes the Legislature will later approve funding, Bitney said.

Most Republicans sided with Hawker, but enough supported the longevity bonus that the amendment preserving it passed 20-17 despite Republican control of the body. While Republicans voted 15-8 against the amendment, Democrats voted 12-2 for it.

When the amendment passed, the House leadership gave the bill a new referral, to the Rules Committee, instead of taking the full bill to a vote without the longevity bonus.

The Rules Committee is often referred to in the Capitol as "the place where bills go to die."

Even for those who supported the longevity bonus, it was a tough vote.

Rep. Andrea Doll, D-Juneau, supported the amendment but said she supported both senior assistance and the longevity bonus.

If forced to, she said, she'd go for the one that that was most needed by poor people.

"If I had to choose, I'd choose the greater good," she said, meaning the senior assistance program.

Later Tuesday, the Senate adopted Olson's senior assistance bill, with no attempt to kill the longevity bonus. Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux, R-Kodiak, supported the amendment and said she expects the Senate's senior assistance bill will be how the program now gets funded.

"That's coming over," she said. "That might be the final vehicle for this, instead of Rep. Hawker's bill."

The Senate easily approved its bill, despite opposition from Sen. Gene Therriault, R-North Pole, leader of the Senate Republican minority. He said the bill spent too much, expanded the current senior assistance program and allowed inflation adjustments as well.

"It seems like there is a whole lot of inflating in here when we are heading into deficit very soon," he said.

Olson said re-authorization of the program, scheduled to end this year, was only a modest cost over the current year.

The senior assistance program approved by the Senate is expected to cost about \$20 million next year, Olson said. Bitney said the governor's proposed

longevity bonus would cost about \$30 million next year.

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Good afternoon, my name is Anna Winters and I am manager of Swan Lake Senior Center in Sitka Alaska.

For the month of May we served 1,256 meals that include congregate and home-delivered meals to the seniors of Sitka. This is their main meal of the day and some can pay the suggested donation of \$4 a meal and others cannot afford to.

We also provided our seniors with 1,486 rides for the month of May at a suggested donation of \$1.50 for each ride. Some of the seniors are able to pay the suggested donation and others cannot.

At least 50 percent of them or better—are on the Senior Care program which helps them pay for groceries, lights, home heating fuel, telephone, medications and medical care.

Many seniors have to choose which one is most important, their medication or heat, and have to choose between the two.

The Senior Care program allows them a little freedom in choosing the way they live their lives which meets their daily basic needs just for survival.

We feel here at the senior center that our seniors need to be taken care and be able to live independently as long as possible and should not have to choose between medication that keeps them in good health or heat that keeps them warm.

The seniors here in Sitka would not be able to leave their homes or have a good meal with friends if it was not for the money they receive from the Senior Care Program.

They have no financial margin and the Senior Care Program is essential for them to stay in their home. The alternative for being independent is more costly to the state by far.

We would like you to consider making this a permanent program for the seniors of Alaska that need the help and give them a sense of freedom and the ability to live independently as long as possible.

Anna Winters  
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To: House Finance Committee

Re: Financial help to most needy of needy seniors of Alaska

*James E. Fisher*  
From: James E. Fisher, 45600 King Drive, Soldotna, AK  
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I urge enactment of legislation to provide the neediest of Alaskan senior citizens financial assistance, not less than \$120 per month which has been available to those low income Alaskans, until neither SB 4 nor HB 198 were enacted by the recently adjourned Legislature.

The proposed assistance should be not less than that in SB 4 – but hopefully more since such basic costs as heat and electricity are increasing dramatically.

As a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank I understand that food assistance now available, i.e., food stamps, commodities, etc., to the neediest of the needy for food frequently does not last for the entire month –and those very low income people can not get assistance for heat and lights from us.

Recently there have been reports of members of Congress attempting to live on a diet provided only by food stamps – to be surprised how the food provided by that resource is meager. While not starvation rations, the people attempting to follow such a restricted diet have lost weight rapidly.

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Anna Kim, Special Assistant

**SUBJECT:** Options for continuing senior benefits to low income seniors enrolled in SeniorCare June 4, 2007 DRAFT proposal

The SeniorCare program expires on June 30, 2007. Options for continuing to provide a benefit to low income Alaska seniors, both near term and long term, are identified below.

**Near Term: continue benefits for one month**

For July, 2007, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) will pay the same benefits as currently available under SeniorCare using the statutory authority of the General Relief Program. In early June emergency regulations will be issued permitting the General Relief Program to make such payments, calling this component the Senior Benefits Program.

Emergency regulations are in place for 120 days. With the Legislature calling a special session late June, and passing legislation with an effective date of August 1, 2008, the issue will be resolved for FY 08, and beyond.

**July Senior Benefit funding:** Because DHSS had reserved funds for a pending settlement of a class action lawsuit, the Adult Public Assistance (APA) program is expected to have enough of a surplus in FY 07 to pay for July benefits to seniors currently enrolled in SeniorCare. The payments would be made under the General Relief Program, if emergency regulations are in place. A payment to seniors, intended for July, can be made in late June to allow the department to use these excess FY 07 funds.

**Long Term: continue benefits through the Senior Benefits Program**

Two options have been identified for long term legislative solutions to continue a program to benefit seniors under a Senior Benefits Program. Any of the options described would require new regulations, legislation and an appropriation. Either version of this option is a simple, straightforward solution which could be resolved in the special session.

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**FY08 Funding:** If there is no appropriation bill passed at the time of this legislation, the Department would borrow FY 08 funds from the Adult Public Assistance program to pay benefits until the Legislature can solidify a financial solution through a supplemental budget request. As a surplus in APA for FY 08 is not anticipated, the Legislature would need to pass a supplemental budget to repay the APA program by funding the Senior Benefits Program, in the regular session.

Either option would require legislative intent language and an agreement to be in place for the legislature to support DHSS submitting a supplemental budget request to make the program funding whole.

**Legislative options:**

- 1) Continue benefits to seniors with a new Senior Benefits Program under separate statutory authority, either with the fixed \$120/month benefit to those seniors under 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (as the Governor proposed in HB148/SB90) or a stair-stepped benefit to those seniors under 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (as proposed in Senate Bill 4) – see attached table with options outlined.

This option requires legislation to create a new statutory framework for a separate program. However, Senate Bill 4 is the legislation under consideration, and it can be amended to suit the Legislature.

The Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Management and Budget, and Legislative Finance are researching whether this option would allow the Department to transfer funds from Adult Public Assistance to temporarily fund this program, which does not exist in the appropriation structure.

- 2) If the Department is unable to transfer funds from APA to a senior benefit program that does not exist in the appropriation structure, then we suggest that the legislature create the Senior Benefits Program under the statutory authority of the General Relief Program. The benefit options are the same as the first option – either with the fixed \$120/month benefit to those seniors under 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (as the Governor proposed in HB148/SB90) or a stair-stepped benefit to those seniors under 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (as proposed in Senate Bill 4) – see attached table with options outlined.

This option requires legislation to update the General Relief statutory framework, especially if the benefit paid is more than \$120 per month. However, Senate Bill 4 is the legislation under consideration, and it can be amended to suit the Legislature.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BILL ANALYSIS**  
**Updated 6/01/07**

|  | Current SeniorCare Program  | SB 90/HB 148 Governor's SeniorCare Proposal  | SB 4 Senior Benefits Payment Program   | HB 198 Ak Senior Benefits Program  |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |  |    |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
|--|---|--|--|--|-------------|------|------|---|----------|----------|----------|---|--------|----------|----------|--|----|-----|-------------|------|---|---------|----------|----------|---|----------|--------|----------|
| SeniorCare Monthly Payment   | Cash - \$120 / month<br>Prescription Drug - \$670 / year  | Cash - \$120 / Month   | Up to 100% Poverty - \$175/Month<br>100-135% Poverty - \$150/Month<br>135-150% Poverty - \$100/Month   | Up to 75% Poverty - \$250/Month<br>75-100% Poverty - \$175/Month<br>100-175% Poverty - \$125/Month |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |  |    |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
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| 1  | \$9,577   | \$12,770   | \$22,348   |  |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |  |    |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
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| FY08 Estimate Avg No Caseld  | SC Cash: 7,043<br>Prescription Drug: 140  | SC Cash: 7,343   | SC Cash: 8,800 Seniors   | SC Cash: 10,700 Seniors  |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |  |    |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
| FY08 Estimate Benefit Only No Admin Incl                               | Benefit Only<br>SC Cash - \$10,141.9<br>Prescription Drug - \$93.8  | Benefit Only<br>SC Cash - \$10,573.9   | Benefit Only<br>SC Cash: \$16,645.8  | Benefit Only<br>SC Cash: \$19,410.0  |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |  |    |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
| Sunset Date  | June 30, 2007   | June 30, 2012  | June 30, 2011  | June 30, 2011  |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |  |    |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |



February 19, 2007

The Honorable Bettye Davis, Chair  
Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 30  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: SB 4 (Olson)—Support

Dear Chair Davis:

On behalf of the members of AARP in Alaska, we encourage you and your colleagues on the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee to support SB 4, authored by Senator Donald Olson.

SB 4 will extend the SeniorCare Program beyond the sunset date of June 30, 2007 and will increase the monthly cash benefit from \$120 to \$150.

Approximately 7,000 older Alaskans participate in the SeniorCare program. The majority of them were too young to be eligible for the former Longevity Bonus. The majority of new enrollees to SeniorCare have just turned 65. They were low income when they were 64 and are now eligible for SeniorCare to help them cope with the daily costs of living in Alaska and help them remain in our state as they get older. These are not wealthy individuals. The assets test for SeniorCare is \$6,000 for an individual and \$9,000 for a couple. In order to receive the monthly stipend an individual's income must be below \$16,133 annually or \$21,641 for a couple. These income limits were set at 135% of the federal poverty level for 2005. They have not increased since SeniorCare was inaugurated. Because of the flat dollar amount, some eligible seniors are knocked off SeniorCare each year when they receive their Social Security COLA.

We applaud Senator Olson's leadership on this bill, particularly his recommendation of an increase from \$120 to \$150. We hope you and your Committee colleagues would also consider working with Senator Olson to bring the eligibility cap to include increases in

the federal poverty level. This would move the eligibility level from \$16,133 for a single to \$17,240 and for a couple from \$21,641 to \$23,112.


AARP also recommends consideration of lifting the assets cap beyond the \$6,000 single/\$9,000 couple levels. Older persons tend to save for retirement, including burial expenses. Research tells us that even very low income older persons try to save something each month and many older Alaskans, although we would consider them low income, will try to save enough that they pass the assets cap.

AARP recommends an "AYE" vote on SB 4.

Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact me (586-3637) or Patrick Luby, AARP Advocacy Director (907-762-3314).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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CC: Senator Joe Thomas  
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SENIOR ASSISTANCE CLEARS SENATE, STALLS IN HOUSE



JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - A measure to provide monthly cash payments to needy seniors was yanked from the floor of the Alaska House Tuesday while a similar bill breezed through the Senate.

The biggest difference between the two is that House Bill 198 would eliminate the long-standing senior longevity bonus for good by erasing it from state statutes.

Senate Bill 4 did not address the longevity bonus.

Both the House and Senate measures would create a beefed-up cash assistance program for Alaska's low-income elderly.

The more generous of the two, the Alaska Senior Assistance Program as proposed in the House, would provide monthly cash payments ranging from \$125 to \$250.

But the bill was pulled from the floor after supporters of the longevity bonus successfully amended the bill to keep it on the books.

The Senate bill passed 14-2.

Both the House and Senate measures also contain provisions to raise the level of funding for the Denali KidCare program, a Medicaid program run by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

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## **Sponsor Statement Senate Bill 4**

### **Senior Care Program**

SB 4 does three things to the Senior Care Program. It extends the program's sunset date to June 30, 2011; removes the underutilized prescription drug benefit; and increases the monthly cash benefit based on their income related to the federal poverty level guidelines adjusted for Alaska. Monthly payments are:

- \$175 per month if the individual's household income does not exceed 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska
- \$150 per month if the individual's household income does not exceed 135 but is above 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska
- \$100 per month if the individual's household income does not exceed 150 but is above 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska

The Senior Care Program is strictly a needs based program. No Asset Test will be in place.

SB 4 covers eligible seniors who may have been part of the Longevity Bonus Program prior to its funding being eliminated, as well as individuals who meet the eligibility criteria. The Department of Health and Social Services estimates that the Senior Care Program currently serves approximately 7,000 seniors with financial assistance. The Department estimates an additional 1,800 seniors will qualify for Senior Care under SB 4. The Senior Care Program would run concurrently, but not in addition to any Longevity Bonus Program that may be redeveloped. An individual who is receiving a Longevity Bonus payment is not eligible for the benefits of the Senior Care Program.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BILL ANALYSIS 4/10/07**

|  | Current<br>SeniorCare Program  | SB 90/HB 148<br>Governor's SeniorCare Proposal  | SB 4<br>Senior Care Program  | HB 198<br>Ak Senior Benefits Program   |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |   |   |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
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| Dual Eligibility SC and ALB              | Yes  | No  | Sponsor indicated not intended to provide dual eligibility   | Not addressed and not intended   |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |   |   |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
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| Sunset Date                              | June 30, 2007  | June 30, 2012   | June 30, 2011  | June 30, 2011  |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |   |   |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
| Denali KidCare                           |  |   | Resets upper income limit for DKC pregnant women and uninsured children under SCHIP to 175% of current FPG for Alaska.   | Resets upper income limit for DKC pregnant women and uninsured children under SCHIP to 175% of current FPG for Alaska. |             |      |      |   |          |          |          |   |        |          |          |   |   |     |             |      |   |         |          |          |   |          |        |          |
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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 3  
 Bill Version: CSSB 4(FIN) am  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/5/07  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Behavioral Health  
 Component: Behavioral Hlth Medicaid Svcs

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title: RELATING TO SENIOR CARE

Sponsor: OLSON  
 Requester: SENATE (FIN)

Component No. 2660

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES        | FY 2008      | FY 2009      | FY 2010      | FY 2011      | FY 2012      | FY 2013      |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Personal Services             |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Travel                        |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Contractual                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Supplies                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Equipment                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Land & Structures             |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Grants & Claims               | 455.9        | 495.1        | 537.6        | 583.9        | 634.1        | 688.6        |
| Miscellaneous                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>        | <b>455.9</b> | <b>495.1</b> | <b>537.6</b> | <b>583.9</b> | <b>634.1</b> | <b>688.6</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>   |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b> |              |              |              |              |              |              |

**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

|                                       | FY 2008      | FY 2009      | FY 2010      | FY 2011      | FY 2012      | FY 2013      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts                 | 311.1        | 327.2        | 353.0        | 383.4        | 416.4        | 452.2        |
| 1003 GF Match                         | 144.8        | 167.9        | 184.6        | 200.5        | 217.7        | 236.4        |
| 1004 GF                               |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |              |              |              |              |              |              |
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Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

|           | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Full-time |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Part-time |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Temporary |         |         |         |         |         |         |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 CS SB 4 (FIN) Am, partially reverses the September 2003 legislation that reduced and froze Medicaid income eligibility standards for children and pregnant women whose eligibility is managed through the Denali KidCare (DKC) office. Prior to implementation of the 2003 legislation, Medicaid was available to children and pregnant women with incomes up to 200% of the prevailing Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) for Alaska. Effective September 2003, the income standard

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 Approved by: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner Date 04/04/2007  
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

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was set in statute at what was equivalent to 175% of the FPG for 2003. Currently, the effective income standard for women and children enrolled in these categories is about 154%, almost a 50 point drop in the income standard of August 2003. This bill restores the income eligibility standard for children and pregnant women to 175% of the prevailing FPG, effective June 30, 2007.

Between 2003 and 2006, the number of children enrolled in the affected income category dropped by 2,553 individuals and the number of pregnant women enrolled in the affected income category dropped by 436 individuals. This fiscal analysis assumes that the additional enrollment in SFY 2008 due to SB 4 will be equal to about half that number of people (218 pregnant women and 1277 children). We assume that most people eligible to enroll under the higher income standard will do so by the end of SFY 2008.

Costs projections incorporate 8.6% annual growth (Long Term Forecast of Medicaid Enrollment and Spending in Alaska: 2005-2025, DHSS, updated for 2006). That growth rate allows for 5% medical inflation (Anchorage CPI, medical care component) and annual growth in the FPG. The proportion of enrollees that use services (participation) is expected to remain the same throughout the projection period.

Fund source calculations for each component are based on the percentages of costs reimbursed as IHS, Title XIX, Family Planning, or SCHIP in 2006 for the affected groups, and the federal medical assistance percentages (FMAPs) anticipated for the year projected. Children affected by this legislation are included in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and costs for their Medicaid services would normally be matched at an enhanced rate. Because SCHIP funding is no longer enough to cover all of that program's expenses, the formula for

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federal reimbursement was adjusted to allow only one quarter of SCHIP matching per year, with the remaining three quarters defaulting to the lower Title XIX rate.

The 2008 projection was calculated as the projected cost to reinstate half the number of enrollees dropped between 2003 and 2006. Cost to reinstate was inflated by 5% per year between 2006 and 2008 so that the cost to reinstate was in 2008 dollars. The 2009-2013 projections are based on the 2008 projection after implementation of SB 4, plus 8.6% annual growth. The expenditure for each division was determined based on that division's share of expenses for the affected eligibility subtypes in 2006. Behavioral Health Medicaid Services paid for 23.3% of the costs for affected children in SFY 2006. They paid for less than 0.1% of the costs for pregnant women affected by this legislation.

If half the number of people that lost Medicaid eligibility due to the 2003 legislation regain eligibility in 2008, Behavioral Health Medicaid Services might expect to pay Medicaid expenses for an additional 113 recipients.

FISCAL NOTE # 3 ATTACHMENT

BILL NO. CSSB 4(FIN) am

| CS SB 4 (FIN) am                      |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                       | <u>2008</u>       | <u>2009</u>       | <u>2010</u>       | <u>2011</u>       | <u>2012</u>      | <u>2013</u>      |
| <b>SENIOR BENEFIT PROGRAM</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Caseload                              | 8,800             | 8,914             | 9,030             | 9,148             |                  |                  |
| Annual Benefit Cost                   | \$16,645.8        | \$16,862.2        | \$17,081.4        | \$17,305.5        |                  |                  |
| Estimated Administration Costs        | \$753.1           | \$683.1           | \$683.1           | \$683.1           |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Cost Senior Benefit Prgm</b> | <b>\$17,398.9</b> | <b>\$17,545.3</b> | <b>\$17,764.5</b> | <b>\$17,988.6</b> | <b>\$0.0</b>     | <b>\$0.0</b>     |
| <b>DENALI KID CARE</b>                |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Additional Children Served            | 1277              | 1302              | 1328              | 1355              | 1382             | 1410             |
| Additional Pregnant Women Served      | 218               | 223               | 227               | 232               | 236              | 241              |
|                                       | 1495              | 1525              | 1555              | 1587              | 1618             | 1651             |
| Annual Medicaid program costs         | 2651.3            | 2879.3            | 3126.9            | 3395.9            | 3687.9           | 4005             |
| Annual Administrative Costs           | \$40.2            | \$76.0            | \$76.0            | \$76.0            | \$76.0           | \$76.0           |
| <b>Total Denali Kid Care Costs</b>    | <b>\$2,691.5</b>  | <b>\$2,955.3</b>  | <b>\$3,202.9</b>  | <b>\$3,471.9</b>  | <b>\$3,763.9</b> | <b>\$4,081.0</b> |
| Federal Share                         | \$1,907.4         | \$2,030.4         | \$2,189.9         | \$2,375.2         | \$2,576.4        | \$2,795.0        |
| General Fund Share                    | \$783.5           | \$923.8           | \$1,011.9         | \$1,095.6         | \$1,186.4        | \$1,284.9        |
| Inter/Agency Funds                    | 0.6               | 1.1               | 1.1               | 1.1               | 1.1              | 1.1              |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS OF CS SB 4 am</b>      | <b>\$20,090.4</b> | <b>\$20,500.6</b> | <b>\$20,967.4</b> | <b>\$21,460.5</b> | <b>\$3,763.9</b> | <b>\$4,081.0</b> |
| Gen Fund costs of CS SB 4 am          | \$18,182.4        | \$18,469.1        | \$18,776.4        | \$19,084.2        | \$1,186.4        | \$1,284.9        |

# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: 4  
 Bill Version: CSSB 4(FIN) am  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/5/07  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Health Care Services  
 Component: Medicaid Services

Revision Date/Time (Note If correction):  
 Title: RELATING TO SENIOR CARE

Sponsor: OLSON  
 Requester: SENATE (FIN)

Component No. 2077

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008        | FY 2009        | FY 2010        | FY 2011        | FY 2012        | FY 2013        |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Personal Services      |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Travel                 |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Contractual            |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Supplies               |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Equipment              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Land & Structures      |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Grants & Claims        | 2,195.4        | 2,384.2        | 2,589.3        | 2,812.0        | 3,053.8        | 3,316.4        |
| Miscellaneous          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>2,195.4</b> | <b>2,384.2</b> | <b>2,589.3</b> | <b>2,812.0</b> | <b>3,053.8</b> | <b>3,316.4</b> |

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|                                       |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts                 | 1,577.6        | 1,667.8        | 1,801.5        | 1,956.4        | 2,124.6        | 2,307.4        |
| 1003 GF Match                         | 617.8          | 716.4          | 787.8          | 855.6          | 929.2          | 1,009.0        |
| 1004 GF                               |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                 |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>2,195.4</b> | <b>2,384.2</b> | <b>2,589.3</b> | <b>2,812.0</b> | <b>3,053.8</b> | <b>3,316.4</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**POSITIONS**

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| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 CS SB 4 (FIN) Am partially reverses the September 2003 legislation that reduced and froze Medicaid income eligibility standards for children and pregnant women whose eligibility is managed through the Denali KidCare (DKC) office. Prior to implementation of the 2003 legislation, Medicaid was available to children and pregnant women with incomes up to 200% of the prevailing Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) for Alaska. Effective September 2003, the income (continued)

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standard was set in statute at what was equivalent to 175% of the FPG for 2003. Currently, the effective income standard for women and children enrolled in these categories is about 154%, almost a 50 point drop from the income standard of August 2003. This bill restores the income eligibility standard for children and pregnant women to 175% of the prevailing FPG, effective June 30, 2007.

Between 2003 and 2006, the number of children enrolled in the affected income category dropped by 2,553 individuals and the number of pregnant women enrolled in the affected income category dropped by 436 individuals. This fiscal analysis assumes that the additional enrollment in SFY 2008 due to SB 4 will be equal to about half that number of people (218 pregnant women and 1277 children). We assume that most people eligible to enroll under the higher income standard will do so by the end of SFY 2008.

Costs projections incorporate 8.6% annual growth (Long Term Forecast of Medicaid Enrollment and Spending in Alaska: 2005-2025, DHSS, updated for 2006). That growth rate allows for 5% medical inflation (Anchorage CPI, medical care component) and annual growth in the FPG. The proportion of enrollees that use services (participation) is expected to remain the same throughout the projection period.

Fund source calculations for each component are based on the percentages of costs reimbursed as IHS, Title XIX, Family Planning, or SCHIP in 2006 for the affected groups, and the federal medical assistance percentages (FMAPs) anticipated for the year projected. Children affected by this legislation are included in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and costs for their Medicaid services would normally be matched at an enhanced rate. Because SCHIP funding is no longer enough to cover all of that program's expenses, the formula for (continued)

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federal reimbursement was adjusted to allow only one quarter of SCHIP matching per year, with the remaining three quarters defaulting to the lower Title XIX rate.

The 2008 projection was calculated as the projected cost to reinstate half the number of enrollees dropped between 2003 and 2006. Cost to reinstate was inflated by 5% per year between 2006 and 2008 so that the cost to reinstate was in 2008 dollars. The 2009-2013 projections are based on the 2008 projection after implementation of SB 4, plus 8.6% annual growth. The expenditure for each division was determined based on that division's share of expenses for the affected eligibility subtypes in 2006. Health Care Services paid for 99.9% of the costs for affected pregnant women and 76.0% of the costs for affected children.

For each component, the recipient count represents the number of enrolled persons using Medicaid services managed by that component during the period. If half the number of people that lost Medicaid eligibility due to the 2003 legislation regain eligibility in 2008, Health Care Services might expect to pay Medicaid expenses for an additional 1,132 recipients.

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BILL NO. CSSB 4(FIN) am

| CS SB 4 (FIN) am                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                       | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> |
| <b>SENIOR BENEFIT PROGRAM</b>         |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Caseload                              | 8,800       | 8,914       | 9,030       | 9,148       |             |             |
| Annual Benefit Cost                   | \$16,645.8  | \$16,862.2  | \$17,081.4  | \$17,305.5  |             |             |
| Estimated Administration Costs        | \$753.1     | \$683.1     | \$683.1     | \$683.1     |             |             |
| <b>Total Cost Senior Benefit Prgm</b> | \$17,398.9  | \$17,545.3  | \$17,764.5  | \$17,988.6  | \$0.0       | \$0.0       |
| <b>DENALI KID CARE</b>                |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Additional Children Served            | 1277        | 1302        | 1328        | 1355        | 1382        | 1410        |
| Additional Pregnant Women Served      | 218         | 223         | 227         | 232         | 236         | 241         |
|                                       | 1495        | 1525        | 1555        | 1587        | 1618        | 1651        |
| Annual Medicaid program costs         | 2651.3      | 2879.3      | 3126.9      | 3395.9      | 3687.9      | 4005        |
| Annual Administrative Costs           | \$40.2      | \$76.0      | \$76.0      | \$76.0      | \$76.0      | \$76.0      |
| <b>Total Denali Kid Care Costs</b>    | \$2,691.5   | \$2,955.3   | \$3,202.9   | \$3,471.9   | \$3,763.9   | \$4,081.0   |
| Federal Share                         | \$1,907.4   | \$2,030.4   | \$2,189.9   | \$2,375.2   | \$2,576.4   | \$2,795.0   |
| General Fund Share                    | \$783.5     | \$923.8     | \$1,011.9   | \$1,095.6   | \$1,186.4   | \$1,284.9   |
| Inter/Agency Funds                    | 0.6         | 1.1         | 1.1         | 1.1         | 1.1         | 1.1         |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS OF CS SB 4 am</b>      | \$20,090.4  | \$20,500.6  | \$20,967.4  | \$21,460.5  | \$3,763.9   | \$4,081.0   |
| Gen Fund costs of CS SB 4 am          | \$18,182.4  | \$18,469.1  | \$18,776.4  | \$19,084.2  | \$1,186.4   | \$1,284.9   |

# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: 5  
 Bill Version: CSSB 4(FIN) am  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/5/07  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Public Assistance  
 Component: Public Assistance Field Svcs

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title: RELATING TO SENIOR CARE

Sponsor: OLSON  
 Requester: SENATE (FIN)

Component No. 236

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008     | FY 2009     | FY 2010     | FY 2011     | FY 2012     | FY 2013     |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Personal Services      | 33.6        | 67.2        | 67.2        | 67.2        | 67.2        | 67.2        |
| Travel                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Contractual            | 4.4         | 8.8         | 8.8         | 8.8         | 8.8         | 8.8         |
| Supplies               | 2.2         |             |             |             |             |             |
| Equipment              |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Land & Structures      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Grants & Claims        |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Miscellaneous          |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>40.2</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> |

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts                 | 18.7        | 35.4        | 35.4        | 35.4        | 35.4        | 35.4        |
| 1003 GF Match                         | 16.5        | 31.1        | 31.1        | 31.1        | 31.1        | 31.1        |
| 1004 GF                               | 4.4         | 8.4         | 8.4         | 8.4         | 8.4         | 8.4         |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Other(Inter-Agency Receipts)          | 0.6         | 1.1         | 1.1         | 1.1         | 1.1         | 1.1         |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>40.2</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> | <b>76.0</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**POSITIONS**

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| Full-time | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Part-time |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Temporary |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 CS SB 4 (FIN) Am changes AS 47.07.020(b) to reset the upper income limit for Denali KidCare (DKC) pregnant women and uninsured children under the Title XXI State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to 175% of the prevailing federal poverty guideline (FPG) for Alaska. Currently, the qualifying income limit for these children and pregnant women is set in statute at 175% of the 2003 FPG (effectively, about 154% of the current FPG). This fiscal note represents the administrative costs for the eligibility determinations for medical assistance coverage for pregnant women and children.  
 The eligibility decision includes determining eligibility based on the household's size and monthly income at the time of application, acting on changes in a household's circumstances that are reported during the period of eligibility, and re-examining a household's eligibility every six months.

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Assumptions:

We assume that 218 pregnant women and 1277 children will enroll in Medicaid if the qualifying income limit is revised to 175% FPG, and that implementation will begin January 1, 2008. We estimate one additional Eligibility Technician I (Range 14) position will be needed for six months to manage this additional work in FY 08. This position will be needed for 12 months in the following fiscal years.

Total FY08 Administrative Costs:

Personal Services: One Eligibility Technician I Range 14 at a cost of \$33.6, including benefits, for six months.

Contractual: for office space, phones, and supplies will be \$4,400 for six months.

Additional Equipment/Supply: A one time cost of \$2,200 for a desktop computer, software, printer, and work station will be needed for the new position.

Total Administrative Costs FY09 through FY13

Personal Services: One Eligibility Technician I Range 14 at a cost of \$67.2, including benefits, for 12 months.

Contractual: Annual costs for office space, phones, and supplies will be \$8,800.

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BILL NO. CSSB 4(FIN) am

| CS SB 4 (FIN) am                      |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
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|                                       | <u>2008</u>       | <u>2009</u>       | <u>2010</u>       | <u>2011</u>       | <u>2012</u>      | <u>2013</u>      |
| <b>SENIOR BENEFIT PROGRAM</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Caseload                              | 8,800             | 8,914             | 9,030             | 9,148             |                  |                  |
| Annual Benefit Cost                   | \$16,645.8        | \$16,862.2        | \$17,081.4        | \$17,305.5        |                  |                  |
| Estimated Administration Costs        | <u>\$753.1</u>    | <u>\$683.1</u>    | <u>\$683.1</u>    | <u>\$683.1</u>    |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Cost Senior Benefit Prgm</b> | <b>\$17,398.9</b> | <b>\$17,545.3</b> | <b>\$17,764.5</b> | <b>\$17,988.6</b> | <b>\$0.0</b>     | <b>\$0.0</b>     |
| <b>DENALI KID CARE</b>                |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Additional Children Served            | 1277              | 1302              | 1328              | 1355              | 1382             | 1410             |
| Additional Pregnant Women Served      | <u>218</u>        | <u>223</u>        | <u>227</u>        | <u>232</u>        | <u>236</u>       | <u>241</u>       |
|                                       | 1495              | 1525              | 1555              | 1587              | 1618             | 1651             |
| Annual Medicaid program costs         | 2651.3            | 2879.3            | 3126.9            | 3395.9            | 3687.9           | 4005             |
| Annual Administrative Costs           | \$40.2            | \$76.0            | \$76.0            | \$76.0            | \$76.0           | \$76.0           |
| <b>Total Denali Kid Care Costs</b>    | <b>\$2,691.5</b>  | <b>\$2,955.3</b>  | <b>\$3,202.9</b>  | <b>\$3,471.9</b>  | <b>\$3,763.9</b> | <b>\$4,081.0</b> |
| Federal Share                         | \$1,907.4         | \$2,030.4         | \$2,189.9         | \$2,375.2         | \$2,576.4        | \$2,795.0        |
| General Fund Share                    | \$783.5           | \$923.8           | \$1,011.9         | \$1,095.6         | \$1,186.4        | \$1,284.9        |
| Inter/Agency Funds                    | 0.6               | 1.1               | 1.1               | 1.1               | 1.1              | 1.1              |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS OF CS SB 4 am</b>      | <b>\$20,090.4</b> | <b>\$20,500.6</b> | <b>\$20,967.4</b> | <b>\$21,460.5</b> | <b>\$3,763.9</b> | <b>\$4,081.0</b> |
| Gen Fund costs of CS SB 4 am          | <b>\$18,182.4</b> | <b>\$18,469.1</b> | <b>\$18,776.4</b> | <b>\$19,084.2</b> | <b>\$1,186.4</b> | <b>\$1,284.9</b> |

# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: 6  
 Bill Version: CSSB 4(FIN) am  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/5/07  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Public Assistance  
 Component: SeniorCare

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title: RELATING TO SENIOR CARE

Sponsor: OLSON

Requester: SENATE (FIN)

Component No. 2760

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008         | FY 2009         | FY 2010         | FY 2011         | FY 2012    | FY 2013    |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Services      | 460.2           | 460.2           | 460.2           | 460.2           |            |            |
| Travel                 | 9.7             | 9.7             | 9.7             | 9.7             |            |            |
| Contractual            | 229.7           | 169.7           | 169.7           | 169.7           |            |            |
| Supplies               | 53.5            | 43.5            | 43.5            | 43.5            |            |            |
| Equipment              |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Land & Structures      |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Grants & Claims        | 16,645.8        | 16,862.2        | 17,081.4        | 17,305.5        |            |            |
| Miscellaneous          |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>17,398.9</b> | <b>17,545.3</b> | <b>17,764.5</b> | <b>17,988.6</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| 1003 GF Match                         |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| 1004 GF                               | 17,398.9        | 17,545.3        | 17,764.5        | 17,988.6        |            |            |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>17,398.9</b> | <b>17,545.3</b> | <b>17,764.5</b> | <b>17,988.6</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

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| Full-time | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  |
| Part-time |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Temporary |   |   |   |   |  |  |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The current Senior Care program helps low-income seniors over age 65 remain independent in the community by providing an income supplement of \$120 per month to help meet their basic needs, such as food and housing. Nearly 7,000 seniors are currently receiving financial help from the Senior Care program and about 140 are receiving help in paying for the premium and deductibles of prescription drug insurance through the prescription drug program.

This amendment:

- Provides for continuation of the SeniorCare cash benefit until June 30, 2011.

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- Sets the maximum income eligibility level to 150% of the federal poverty guideline for Alaska (adjusted annually).
- Sets the payment at one of three amounts that depend on the person or couple's income level:
  - \* \$175 if household income is less than 100% of poverty
  - \* \$150 if household income is between 100% and 135% of poverty, and
  - \* \$100 if household income is between 135% and 150% of poverty.

Benefit Costs

Assumptions:

The fiscal note assumes reauthorization of the Senior Care cash benefit and elimination of the drug benefit. It also assumes:

- The sponsor's intent that there is no asset test.
- If the ALB funded, seniors will choose either ALB or Senior Care.
- Seniors who qualify for the ALB will not qualify for Senior Care.
- We assume that the payment amount will vary depending on the household's income level.
- In FY08, the department estimates an average of 7,043 seniors who currently qualify for the Senior Care cash benefit will continue to qualify for Senior Care.
- \* The department estimates an additional 300 seniors will qualify with the higher income limits. This represents the number of seniors who became ineligible for the Senior Care program due to the income limits frozen at 2005 levels.
- The department estimates an additional 300 seniors will qualify for the new program due to the elimination of the asset test. Currently approximately 4% of SeniorCare applicants are denied due to assets. Note: Information about senior assets is not available to the department. Costs associated with this provision will need to be reevaluated as we gain experience with the new program.
- The department estimates an additional 380 seniors will be served annually for every 5% increment increase above 100% of poverty.

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The tables below display the 2007 poverty guidelines for Alaska for a single person or a couple, the projected caseload size at each level of poverty in FY 2008, and the estimated cost of benefits (benefits only) at an estimated annual caseload growth of 1.3%.

| Household | 2007 AK Guidelines | 135%     | 150%      |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1         | \$12,770           | \$17,240 | \$19,155  |
| 2         | \$17,120           | \$23,112 | \$ 25,680 |

| Poverty Level  | FY08 Estimated Caseload | Benefit    | FY08 Estimated Benefit Cost |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| < 100%         | 5,000                   | \$175      | \$10,500.0                  |
| 100 - 135%     | 2,643                   | \$150      | \$4,757.4                   |
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| Fiscal Year | Total Estimated Caseload | Total Estimated Benefit |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
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| FY09        | 8,914                    | \$ 16,862.2             |
| FY10        | 9,030                    | \$ 17,081.4             |
| FY11        | 9,148                    | \$ 17,303.5             |

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All costs are eliminated in FY2012 to reflect the sunset of the program.

FISCAL NOTE # 6 ATTACHMENT

BILL NO. CSSB 4(FIN) am

| CS SB 4 (FIN) am                      |                |                |                |                |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                       | <u>2008</u>    | <u>2009</u>    | <u>2010</u>    | <u>2011</u>    | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> |
| <b>SENIOR BENEFIT PROGRAM</b>         |                |                |                |                |             |             |
| Caseload                              | 8,800          | 8,914          | 9,030          | 9,148          |             |             |
| Annual Benefit Cost                   | \$16,645.8     | \$16,862.2     | \$17,081.4     | \$17,305.5     |             |             |
| Estimated Administration Costs        | <u>\$753.1</u> | <u>\$683.1</u> | <u>\$683.1</u> | <u>\$683.1</u> |             |             |
| <b>Total Cost Senior Benefit Prgm</b> | \$17,398.9     | \$17,545.3     | \$17,764.5     | \$17,988.6     | \$0.0       | \$0.0       |
| <b>DENALI KID CARE</b>                |                |                |                |                |             |             |
| Additional Children Served            | 1277           | 1302           | 1328           | 1355           | 1382        | 1410        |
| Additional Pregnant Women Served      | <u>218</u>     | <u>223</u>     | <u>227</u>     | <u>232</u>     | <u>236</u>  | <u>241</u>  |
|                                       | 1495           | 1525           | 1555           | 1587           | 1618        | 1651        |
| Annual Medicaid program costs         | 2651.3         | 2879.3         | 3126.9         | 3395.9         | 3687.9      | 4005        |
| Annual Administrative Costs           | \$40.2         | \$76.0         | \$76.0         | \$76.0         | \$76.0      | \$76.0      |
| <b>Total Denali Kid Care Costs</b>    | \$2,691.5      | \$2,955.3      | \$3,202.9      | \$3,471.9      | \$3,763.9   | \$4,081.0   |
| Federal Share                         | \$1,907.4      | \$2,030.4      | \$2,189.9      | \$2,375.2      | \$2,576.4   | \$2,795.0   |
| General Fund Share                    | \$783.5        | \$923.8        | \$1,011.9      | \$1,095.6      | \$1,186.4   | \$1,284.9   |
| Inter/Agency Funds                    | 0.6            | 1.1            | 1.1            | 1.1            | 1.1         | 1.1         |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS OF CS SB 4 am</b>      | \$20,090.4     | \$20,500.6     | \$20,967.4     | \$21,460.5     | \$3,763.9   | \$4,081.0   |
| Gen Fund costs of CS SB 4 am          | \$18,182.4     | \$18,469.1     | \$18,776.4     | \$19,084.2     | \$1,186.4   | \$1,284.9   |

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPT. OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

*Alaska Commission on Aging*

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January 31, 2007

Senator Donald Olson  
State Capital, Room 514  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

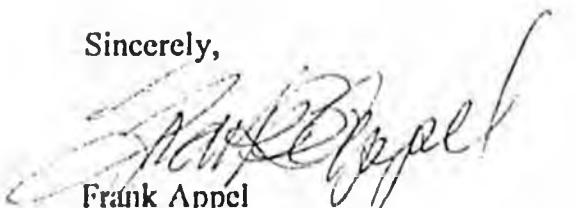
Dear Senator Olson,

The Alaska Commission on Aging supports Senate Bill No. 4 for the extension of the senior care program and the increasing of the benefit amount. We believe the senior care program provides an important and needed financial safety net for low income seniors. It helps over 7,000 seniors meet the costs of basic necessities such as housing, food and medication.

During our recent Legislative Advocacy Teleconference, two amendments were suggested. Participants felt that the asset levels were too low, especially for the cash benefit qualification criteria. Many seniors above the current level are still living in meager circumstances and at significant risk to exhaust their savings if financial emergencies occur. Secondly, participants recommended that if the program does not have a near-term sunset date, inflation proofing be added to the legislation.

Thank you for sponsoring this legislation and your consideration of these suggestions.

Sincerely,

  
Frank Appel  
Chair, Alaska Commission on Aging

  
Denise Daniello  
Executive Director, ACoA

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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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| REPORTED OUT             |
| APR 03 2007              |
| SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE |

DATE: 2/22/07

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 4 | 3 | 2007

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 4

## SB 4 SENIOR CARE PROGRAM

"An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS SB 4 (FIN)
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

|                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>SENATE BILL:</b>                 |                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Same Title               |
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| <b>HOUSE BILL:</b>                  |                          |
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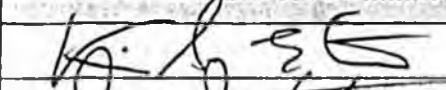

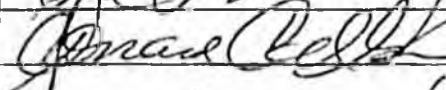



**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

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**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

| SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:   | PRINTED LAST NAME | DO PASS | DO NOT PASS | NO REC | AMEND |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------|
|            | ELTON             |         |             | ✓      |       |
|            | THOMAS            |         |             | ✓      |       |
|            | HUGGINS           |         |             | ✓      |       |
|            | OLSON             | ✓       |             |        |       |
| CO-CHAIR:  | Hoffman           |         |             | ✓      |       |
| CO-CHAIR:  | Stedman           |         |             | ✓      |       |

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: SB004CS(FIN)-DHSS-DPA 04-0:  
 Bill Version: CS SB 4 (FIN)  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Public Assistance  
 Component: SeniorCare

REPORTED OUT  
**APR 03 2007**  
 SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title: RELATING TO SENIOR CARE

Sponsor: OLSON  
 Requester: SENATE (FIN)

Component No. 2760

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES        | FY 2008         | FY 2009         | FY 2010         | FY 2011         | FY 2012    | FY 2013    |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Services             | 460.2           | 460.2           | 460.2           | 460.2           |            |            |
| Travel                        | 9.7             | 9.7             | 9.7             | 9.7             |            |            |
| Contractual                   | 229.7           | 169.7           | 169.7           | 169.7           |            |            |
| Supplies                      | 53.5            | 43.5            | 43.5            | 43.5            |            |            |
| Equipment                     |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Land & Structures             |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Grants & Claims               | 16,645.8        | 16,862.2        | 17,081.4        | 17,305.5        |            |            |
| Miscellaneous                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>        | <b>17,398.9</b> | <b>17,545.3</b> | <b>17,764.5</b> | <b>17,988.6</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| <b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b> |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|                                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| 1003 GF Match                         |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| 1004 GF                               | 17,398.9        | 17,545.3        | 17,764.5        | 17,988.6        |            |            |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |                 |                 |                 |                 |            |            |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>17,398.9</b> | <b>17,545.3</b> | <b>17,764.5</b> | <b>17,988.6</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

|           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Full-time | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |  |  |
| Part-time |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Temporary |   |   |   |   |  |  |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The current Senior Care program helps low-income seniors over age 65 remain independent in the community by providing an income supplement of \$120 per month to help meet their basic needs, such as food and housing. Nearly 7,000 seniors are currently receiving financial help from the Senior Care program and about 140 are receiving help in paying for the premium and deductibles of prescription drug insurance through the prescription drug program.

This amendment:

- Provides for continuation of the SeniorCare cash benefit until June 30, 2011.

Prepared by: Ellie Fitzjarrald, Director Phone: 465-5847  
 Division: Public Assistance Date/Time: 04/02/2007  
 Approved by: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner Date: 04/03/2007  
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

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- Sets the maximum income eligibility level to 150% of the federal poverty guideline for Alaska (adjusted annually).
- Sets the payment at one of three amounts that depend on the person or couple's income level:
  - \* \$175 if household income is less than 100% of poverty
  - \* \$150 if household income is between 100% and 135% of poverty, and
  - \* \$100 if household income is between 135% and 150% of poverty.

Benefit Costs

Assumptions:

The fiscal note assumes reauthorization of the Senior Care cash benefit and elimination of the drug benefit. It also assumes:

- The sponsor's intent that there is no asset test.
- If the ALB funded, seniors will choose either ALB or Senior Care.
- Seniors who qualify for the ALB will not qualify for Senior Care.
- We assume that the payment amount will vary depending on the household's income level.
- In FY08, the department estimates an average of 7,043 seniors who currently qualify for the Senior Care cash benefit will continue to qualify for Senior Care.
- \* The department estimates an additional 300 seniors will qualify with the higher income limits. This represents the number of seniors who became ineligible for the Senior Care program due to the income limits frozen at 2005 levels.
- The department estimates an additional 300 seniors will qualify for the new program due to the elimination of the asset test. Currently approximately 4% of SeniorCare applicants are denied due to assets. Note: Information about senior assets is not available to the department. Costs associated with this provision will need to be reevaluated as we gain experience with the new program.
- The department estimates an additional 380 seniors will be served annually for every 5% increment increase above 100% of poverty.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**  
(cont. from page 2)

The tables below display the 2007 poverty guidelines for Alaska for a single person or a couple, the projected caseload size at each level of poverty in FY 2008, and the estimated cost of benefits (benefits only) at an estimated annual caseload growth of 1.3%.

| Household | 2007 AK Guidelines | 135%     | 150%      |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1         | \$12,770           | \$17,240 | \$19,155  |
| 2         | \$17,120           | \$23,112 | \$ 25,680 |

| Poverty Level         | FY08 Estimated Caseload | Benefit           | FY08 Estimated Benefit Cost |
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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4( )

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR OLSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care  
2 program and increasing the benefit amount; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 47.45.300(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The senior care program is established in the Department of Health and  
6 Social Services to provide cash assistance benefits [AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
7 BENEFITS] as far as practicable under appropriations provided by law.

8 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.45.300(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) If the department estimates that appropriations for the program are  
10 insufficient to meet the demands of the program in a fiscal year, the department may  
11 reduce or eliminate the benefits available to recipients. [BENEFITS SHALL BE  
12 REDUCED OR ELIMINATED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

13 (1) DEDUCTIBLE COVERAGE UNDER AS 47.45.320(c);

14 (2) PREMIUM COVERAGE UNDER AS 47.45.320(c);

1 (3) CASH ASSISTANCE UNDER AS 47.45.310(b).]

2 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.45.310 is repealed and reenacted to read:

3 Sec. 47.45.310. Cash assistance benefit. (a) An individual is eligible for a  
4 cash assistance benefit under the program if the individual

5 (1) is 65 years of age or older;

6 (2) is a resident of the state;

7 (3) has a household income that does not exceed 150 percent of the  
8 annual federal poverty guidelines for Alaska, as determined by the United States  
9 Department of Health and Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2);

10 (4) has not received a longevity bonus payment under AS 47.45.010 -  
11 47.45.160 for the same period; and

12 (5) applies on a form provided by the department; the department may  
13 use an abbreviated form for an individual who received a payment under an assistance  
14 program for seniors that paid \$120 a month and was administered by the department  
15 on or before the effective date of this section.

16 (b) An eligible individual shall receive a monthly cash assistance payment as  
17 follows:

18 (1) \$175 if the individual's household income does not exceed 100  
19 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska;

20 (2) \$150 if the individual's household income does not exceed 135  
21 percent but is above 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska;

22 (3) \$100 if the individual's household income does not exceed 150  
23 percent but is above 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska.

24 (c) Cash assistance provided under this section is subject to appropriation.

25 \* Sec. 4. AS 47.45.330 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 47.45.330. Continuation of benefits. An eligible individual who leaves  
27 the state may not receive a cash assistance benefit under AS 47.45.310 [OR  
28 PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT UNDER AS 47.45.320] during the absence unless  
29 the individual's absence is temporary and is for one of the following reasons:

30 (1) to receive medical treatment for the individual;

31 (2) to accompany the individual's family member who is receiving

1 medical treatment outside the state; or

2 (3) for a vacation, business trip, or other absence of less than 30  
3 consecutive days, unless the individual has applied for and received a time extension  
4 from the department for special circumstances.

5 \* Sec. 5. AS 47.45.340 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 47.45.340. Appeal rights.** An individual who receives a determination  
7 from the department that denies, limits, or modifies a cash assistance benefit [OR  
8 PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT] under AS 47.15.300 - 47.45.390, other than a  
9 determination under AS 47.45.300(c) to reduce or eliminate benefits, may request a  
10 hearing before the department under regulations adopted by the department.

11 \* Sec. 6. AS 47.45.350 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 47.45.350. Ability to recover or recoup improper assistance benefits.**  
13 An individual is liable to the department for the value of assistance or benefits  
14 improperly paid to the person under AS 47.45.310 or former AS 47.45.320  
15 [47.45.320] if the improper payment was based on inaccurate or incomplete  
16 information provided by the individual. In a civil action brought by the state to recover  
17 from the individual the value of assistance or benefits improperly paid under  
18 AS 47.45.310 or former AS 47.45.320 [47.45.320], the state may recover from the  
19 individual the costs of investigation and prosecution of the civil action, including  
20 attorney fees as determined under court rules.

21 \* Sec. 7. AS 47.45.390(2) is amended to read:

22 (2) "eligible individual" means an individual who meets the  
23 requirements of AS 47.45.310 [OR 47.45.320] and regulations adopted under that  
24 statute [THOSE STATUTES] for eligibility for the program;

25 \* Sec. 8. Section 4, ch. 89, SLA 2005, is repealed and reenacted to read:

26 **Sec. 4.** AS 47.45.320 is repealed on June 30, 2007.

27 \* Sec. 9. AS 09.38.015(a)(10); AS 37.05.146(c)(80); AS 47.45.300, 47.45.310, 47.45.330,  
28 47.45.340, 47.45.350, 47.45.360, and 47.45.390 are repealed June 30, 2011.

← Sunset

29 \* Sec. 10. Section 9, ch. 89, SLA 2005, is repealed.

30 \* Sec. 11. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
31 read:

1           RETROACTIVITY AND REVIVAL. If secs. 1 - 10 of this Act take effect after  
2 June 30, 2007,

3                   (1) AS 47.45.300 - 47.45.390, as amended by this Act, and secs. 8 and 10 of  
4 this Act, are retroactive to June 30, 2007; and

5                   (2) AS 47.45.300, 47.45.310, 47.45.330, 47.45.340, 47.45.350, 47.45.360, and  
6 47.45.390, as amended by this Act, are revived.

7       \* Sec. 12. Section 11 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

8       \* Sec. 13. Except as provided in sec. 12 of this Act, this Act takes effect June 30, 2007.

**SB 4 Version \C**  
**SeniorCare Program**  
**Scenario Analysis: \$175 Up to 150% Threshold, No Asset Limit**

**BENEFIT COSTS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

- ♦ The department currently serves 5,000 seniors in the Adult Public Assistance program. These seniors have income at or below 100% of poverty and will qualify for the Alaska Senior Assistance Payment program.
- ♦ We estimate an additional 2,643 seniors will be eligible at 135% of the 2007 poverty level when no asset test is applied. This is approximately 380 seniors per each 5% increment.
- ♦ An additional 380 persons will be served for every 5% increment increase above 100% of poverty when no asset test is applied.

**FY 08 PROJECTED CASELOAD FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

| Percent of Poverty | Estimated Caseload | Benefit Amount | Annual Cost | Total Cost |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| <100%              | 5,000              | \$175          | \$10,500.0  | \$10,500.0 |
| 100% to 135%       | 2,643              | \$150          | \$4,757.4   | \$15,257.4 |
| 135% to 150%       | 1,157              | \$100          | \$1,388.4   | \$16,645.8 |
|                    | 8,800              |                |             |            |

**ADDITIONAL FY08 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

In FY 08 the increased administrative costs of the proposed amendment is \$222.4. These costs are for two additional Eligibility Technicians that will be needed to manage the increased caseload, as well as travel, contractual and supply costs. Total administrative cost for FY08 is \$753.1.

**TOTAL FY08 COSTS**

If the maximum income threshold is set at 150% of poverty, total estimated benefit costs are \$16,645.8 and total administrative costs are \$753.1, for a total program cost of \$17,398.9.

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# FISCAL NOTE

SB DRAFT REVISION 4-2-07

STATE OF ALASKA  
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Requester SENATE (HES)

Component No. 2760

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008         | FY 2009         | FY 2010         | FY 2011         | FY 2012         | FY 2013         |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Personal Services      | 308.7           | 308.7           | 308.7           | 308.7           | 308.7           | 308.7           |
| Travel                 | 6.5             | 6.5             | 6.5             | 6.5             | 6.5             | 6.5             |
| Contractual            | 126.5           | 126.5           | 126.5           | 126.5           | 126.5           | 126.5           |
| Supplies               | 29.0            | 29.0            | 29.0            | 29.0            | 29.0            | 29.0            |
| Equipment              |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Land & Structures      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Grants & Claims        | 12,677.4        | 12,842.2        | 13,010.0        | 13,179.5        | 13,350.9        | 13,524.2        |
| Miscellaneous          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>13,148.1</b> | <b>13,312.9</b> | <b>13,480.7</b> | <b>13,650.2</b> | <b>13,821.6</b> | <b>13,994.9</b> |

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| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|                                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
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| 1002 Federal Receipts                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 1003 GF Match                         |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 1004 GF                               | 13,148.1        | 13,312.9        | 13,480.7        | 13,650.2        | 13,821.6        | 13,994.9        |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 11189 SeniorCare Fund                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate) |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>13,148.1</b> | <b>13,312.9</b> | <b>13,480.7</b> | <b>13,650.2</b> | <b>13,821.6</b> | <b>13,994.9</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

|           |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Full-time | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Part-time |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Temporary |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Senior Care program helps low-income seniors over age 65 remain independent in the community by providing an income supplement of \$120 per month to help meet their basic needs, such as food and housing. Nearly 7,000 seniors are currently receiving financial help from the Senior Care Program, and about 140 are receiving help in paying for the premium and deductibles of prescription drug insurance through the prescription drug benefit.

This bill provides for continuation of the Senior Care Program, and increases the monthly income supplement for low income seniors from \$120 per month to \$150 per month. It eliminates the prescription drug benefit (payment of premiums and deductibles) which has had very low enrollment, and keeps the program's income qualifying standards at 135% of the 2005 federal poverty guideline for Alaska (below \$16,133 for an individual, and below \$21,641 for a couple).

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Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

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## ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

## Assumptions

\*This fiscal note assumes the SeniorCare program becomes effective July 1, 2007.

\* During FY09-FY13, the number of seniors receiving help from the Senior Care Program will grow at a rate of 1.3%/year (based on 6-year average rate of growth in the old age component of the APA program).

| FY   | Caseload | 1.3% Growth | Revised Caseload | Cost Total x 150 x 12 |
|------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| FY08 | 7043     |             | 7043             | \$12,677.4            |
| FY09 | 7043     | 92          | 7135             | \$12,842.2            |
| FY10 | 7135     | 93          | 7228             | \$13,010.0            |
| FY11 | 7228     | 94          | 7322             | \$13,179.5            |
| FY12 | 7322     | 95          | 7417             | \$13,350.9            |
| FY13 | 7417     | 96          | 7513             | \$13,524.2            |

## Administrative Costs

We assume that the four positions currently administering the SeniorCare program will continue. They include 1 Administrative Clerk II (Range 8); 2 Eligibility Technician I (Range 14), and 1 Eligibility Technician III Lead Worker (Range 15). These positions are responsible for the initial and ongoing determination of eligibility, processing claims, and serving as a liaison with the Social Security Administration to facilitate recipient enrollment in Medicare Part D. Below are the costs associated with these positions:

Personal Services (4 positions): \$308.7

Travel (to support employee training, marketing, outreach): \$6.5

Contractual (for information technology, telecommunication, postage, printing, and building lease costs): \$86.5

Additional Contractual to provide outreach to inform seniors of the program's availability and benefits, and to make referrals to other programs as appropriate: \$40.0

Supplies (training materials and office supplies): \$29.0

SB 4 – Version C

| <b>Senior Care Scenario Request SB 4 Senator Olson/G. Austerman<br/>3/29/07</b>  |                    |                   |   |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| Criteria: NO ASSET TEST, poverty level at Alaska federal guidelines, sunsets June 30, 2011, no prescription drug program, no ALB |                    |                   |   |
| <i>Note: Admin costs not included in these calculations</i>  |                    |                   |   |
| No Asset Test  |                    |                   |   |
| Poverty Level  | Estimated Caseload | Benefit           | FY 08 Estimated Cost<br>Benefits Only/No<br>Admin |
| < 100%   | 5,000              | \$ 175            | \$ 10,500.0                                       |
| 100 - 135%   | 2,643              | \$ 150            | \$ 4,757.4  |
| 135 - 150%   | 1,157              | \$ 100            | \$ 1,388.4  |
| <b>Total Caseload</b>  | <b>8,800</b>       | <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>\$ 16,645.8</b>                                |

Source is DHSS Public Assistance Division

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## **Sponsor Statement** **Senate Bill 4** *VER C*

### **Senior Care Program**

SB 4 extends the Senior Care Program which provides financial assistance to Alaska's low income seniors.

SB 4 does three things to the Senior Care Program. It extends the program's sunset date to June 30, 2011; removes the underutilized prescription drug benefit; and increases the monthly cash benefit based on their income related to the federal poverty level guidelines adjusted for Alaska. Monthly payments are:

- \$175 per month if the individual's household income does not exceed 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska
- \$150 per month if the individual's household income does not exceed 135 but is above 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska
- \$100 per month if the individual's household income does not exceed 150 but is above 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska

The Senior Care Program is strictly a needs based program. No Asset Test will be in place.

SB 4 covers eligible seniors who may have been part of the Longevity Bonus Program prior to its funding being eliminated, as well as individuals who meet the eligibility criteria. The Department of Health and Social Services estimates that the Senior Care Program currently serves approximately 7,000 seniors with financial assistance. The Department estimates an additional 1,800 seniors will qualify for Senior Care under SB 4. The Senior Care Program would run concurrently, but not in addition to any Longevity Bonus Program that may be redeveloped. An individual who is receiving a Longevity Bonus payment is not eligible for the benefits of the Senior Care Program.

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Gambell  
Golovin  
Hooper Bay  
Kaktovik  
Kiana  
Kivalina  
Kobuk  
Kotlik  
Kotzebue  
Koyuk  
Mountain Village  
Noatak  
Nome  
Noorvik  
Nuiqsut  
Nunam Iqua  
Pilot Station  
Pitka's Point  
Point Hope  
Point Lay  
Savoonga  
Scammon Bay  
Selawik  
Shaktolik  
Shishmaref  
Shungnak  
St. Mary's  
St. Michael  
Stebbins  
Teller  
Unalakleet  
Wainwright  
Wales  
White Mountain

### Sponsor Statement for Senate Bill 4

Senate Bill 4 does three things to the Senior Care Program. It eliminates the program's scheduled sunset date of June 30, 2007; removes the underutilized prescription drug benefit; and increases the monthly financial assistance from \$120 to \$150.

The Senior Care Program is strictly a needs based program. To be eligible for the program, the income of applicants, who meet all other eligibility criteria, must not exceed \$16,133 annually for a one person household and \$21,641 annually for a two person household. These amounts are frozen at 135 percent of the 2005 federal poverty guidelines.

Senate Bill 4 covers eligible seniors who may have been part of the Longevity Bonus Program prior to its funding being eliminated, as well as individuals who meet the eligibility criteria. The Department of Health and Social Services estimates that the Senior Care Program currently serves approximately 7,000 seniors with financial assistance. The prescription drug benefit has historically served approximately 140 seniors. The Senior Care Program would run concurrently with any Longevity Bonus Program that may be redeveloped. An individual who is receiving a Longevity Bonus payment is not eligible for the benefits of the Senior Care Program.

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# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPT. OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

*Alaska Commission on Aging*

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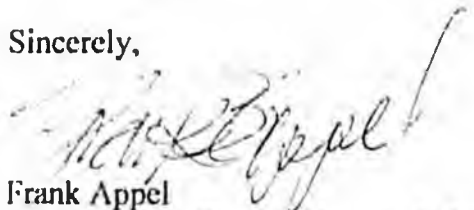
Dear Senator Olson,


The Alaska Commission on Aging supports Senate Bill No. 4 for the extension of the senior care program and the increasing of the benefit amount. We believe the senior care program provides an important and needed financial safety net for low income seniors. It helps over 7,000 seniors meet the costs of basic necessities such as housing, food and medication.

During our recent Legislative Advocacy Teleconference, two amendments were suggested. Participants felt that the asset levels were too low, especially for the cash benefit qualification criteria. Many seniors above the current level are still living in meager circumstances and at significant risk to exhaust their savings if financial emergencies occur. Secondly, participants recommended that if the program does not have a near-term sunset date, inflation proofing be added to the legislation.

Thank you for sponsoring this legislation and your consideration of these suggestions.

Sincerely,

  
Frank Appel  
Chair, Alaska Commission on Aging

  
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**Ginny Austerman**

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**From:** Craig, Deborah [Deborah\_Craig@health.state.ak.us]  
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**To:** Ginny Austerman  
**Subject:** Senior Care Info  
**Attachments:** Craig, Deborah.vcf

Seniors with incomes below 135% of the 2005 federal poverty level and liquid assets less than \$6,000 (\$9,000 for a couple) qualify for a \$120/month cash payment.

$\$120 \times 12 = \$1440$  annual benefit

Seniors who do not qualify for cash payments, but whose income is below \$20,913 for individuals or \$28,053 for couples with liquid assets of up to \$50,000 (\$100,000 for a couple) can receive assistance with their Medicare prescription drug coverage or comparable prescription drug coverage. SeniorCare will pay monthly premiums up to \$34.66 for drug coverage, and will pay annual deductibles up to \$250 per year.

$\$34.66 \times 12 + \$250 = \$665.52$  annual benefit

*Deborah Craig*

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- *I am unable to tell from the longevity bonus bills, whether they are set up to continue with the phase out of the original program, do you know if they are?*

The last date that people were allowed to apply for the bonus was December 31, 1996.

SB 40 and HB 79 specify that reapplication will be accepted from those who were qualified to receive a monthly benefit before January 1, 1997, are current residents and who have maintained continuous residency from June 2003 to the date of reapplication thus not allowing additional applications, it appears that the 'phase out' will continue to occur naturally as people leave the state or expire.

- *How many people will qualify for the Longevity Bonus Program (assuming it is still in phase out mode)?*

Our current estimates for FY08 are 12,631.

- *What, if any, is the change in the federal poverty guidelines? One person? Two people?*

The federal poverty guidelines are change annually to reflect an increase in the cost of living. Federal Poverty Guidelines do not impact the Alaska Longevity Bonus but does impact the SeniorCare program which is eligibility based on limited income. The current income standards for the SeniorCare program are frozen at 135% of the 2005 federal poverty income guidelines and are calculated for one and two people.

| Family Size | 2005 Poverty Level (Current Law) |          | 2006 Poverty Level |          | 2007 Poverty Level |          |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
|             | 100%                             | 135%     | 100%               | 135%     | 100%               | 135%     |
| Single      | \$11,950                         | \$16,133 | \$12,250           | \$16,538 | \$12,770           | \$17,240 |
| Couple      | \$16,030                         | \$21,641 | \$16,500           | \$22,275 | \$17,120           | \$23,112 |

- *Do you know the \$\$ amount the Senior Assistance Program costs today? What is the number of people being served by the program? Is this data readily available by district?*

The FY07 authorized budget in the department for the SeniorCare Program is \$13,286.0.

The SeniorCare Cash program serves approximately 7,000 seniors (the number fluctuates monthly) while the SeniorCare Drug Benefit Program has historically served under 140 (again with some fluctuation).

We can provide information sorted by zip codes - some district share zip codes so it will be difficult to discern district in all cases.

- *Are Senior Care appropriations sufficient to meet demand?*

Yes, based on our projections we are meeting the demand.

Information provided by:

*Deborah Craig*

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Senior Care Recipients  
 Count By City/Zipcode  
 6-Feb-2007

| Residence City | Zipcode | Senior Care Recipients Count | Census Area    |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------|
| AKHIOK         | 99615   | 1                            | KODIAK         |
| AKIACHAK       | 99551   | 19                           | BETHEL         |
| AKIAK          | 99552   | 20                           | BETHEL         |
| AKUTAN         | 99553   | 3                            | ALEUTIANS EAST |
| ALAKANUK       | 99534   | 1                            | WADE HAMPTON   |
| ALAKANUK       | 99554   | 29                           | WADE HAMPTON   |
| ALEKNAGIK      | 99555   | 4                            | DILLINGHAM     |
| ALLAKAKET      | 99720   | 11                           | YUKON/KOYUKUK  |
| AMBLER         | 99786   | 6                            | NW ARCTIC      |
| ANAKTUVUK PASS | 99721   | 6                            | NORTH SLOPE    |
| ANCHOR POINT   | 99556   | 30                           | KENAI          |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99500   | 1                            | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99501   | 398                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99502   | 181                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99503   | 186                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99504   | 397                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99506   | 1                            | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99507   | 294                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99508   | 416                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99509   | 19                           | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99510   | 19                           | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99511   | 9                            | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99514   | 29                           | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99515   | 159                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99516   | 47                           | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99517   | 114                          | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99518   | 59                           | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99519   | 3                            | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99520   | 24                           | ANCHORAGE      |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99521   | 4                            | ANCHORAGE      |

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| ANCHORAGE      | 99522 | 3  |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99523 | 6  |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99524 | 12 |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99528 | 1  |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99550 | 1  |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99604 | 1  |
| ANCHORAGE      | 99695 | 2  |
| ANDERSON       | 99744 | 2  |
| ANGOON         | 99801 | 1  |
| ANGOON         | 99820 | 25 |
| ANIAK          | 99557 | 8  |
| ANVIK          | 99558 | 3  |
| ARCTIC VILLAGE | 99722 | 4  |
| ATKA           | 99547 | 4  |
| ATMAUTLUAK     | 99559 | 9  |
| ATQASUK        | 99791 | 2  |
| BARROW         | 99723 | 26 |
| BEAVER         | 99724 | 5  |
| BETHEL         | 99559 | 50 |
| BETTLES        | 99726 | 2  |
| BIG LAKE       | 99652 | 33 |
| BREVIK MISSION | 99785 | 11 |
| BUCKLAND       | 99727 | 7  |
| CANTWELL       | 99729 | 3  |
| CENTRAL        | 99730 | 1  |
| CHALKYITSIK    | 99788 | 6  |
| CHEFORNAK      | 99561 | 10 |
| CHEVAK         | 99563 | 21 |
| CHICKALOON     | 99674 | 1  |
| CHIGNIK        | 99548 | 1  |
| CHIGNIK        | 99564 | 2  |
| CHIGNIK LAKE   | 99548 | 4  |
| CHISTOCHINA    | 99586 | 1  |
| CHITINA        | 99566 | 1  |
| CHUATHBALUK    | 99557 | 1  |
| CHUGIAK        | 99567 | 44 |
| CHUGIAK        | 99577 | 1  |

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| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| ALEUTIANS WEST     |
| BETHEL             |
| NORTH SLOPE        |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| BETHEL             |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| MAT-SU             |
| NOME               |
| NW ARCTIC          |
| DENALI             |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| BETHEL             |
| WADE HAMPTON       |
| MAT-SU             |
| LAKE AND PENINSULA |
| LAKE AND PENINSULA |
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| VALDEZ/CORDOVA     |
| VALDEZ/CORDOVA     |
| BETHEL             |
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| ANCHORAGE          |



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| FAIRBANKS       | 99710 | 2  |
| FAIRBANKS       | 99711 | 4  |
| FAIRBANKS       | 99712 | 36 |
| FAIRBANKS       | 99724 | 1  |
| FAIRBANKS       | 99760 | 1  |
| FORT RICHARDSON | 99505 | 1  |
| FORT YUKON      | 99740 | 19 |
| FORTUNA LEDGE   | 99585 | 11 |
| FRITZ CREEK     | 99603 | 2  |
| GAKONA          | 99586 | 11 |
| GALENA          | 99741 | 15 |
| GAMBELL         | 99742 | 20 |
| GIRDWOOD        | 99587 | 1  |
| GLENNALLEN      | 99588 | 9  |
| GOLOVIN         | 99762 | 2  |
| GOODNEWS BAY    | 99589 | 14 |
| GRAYLING        | 99590 | 8  |
| HAINES          | 99827 | 39 |
| HEALY           | 99743 | 2  |
| HOLLIS          | 99950 | 3  |
| HOLY CROSS      | 99602 | 5  |
| HOMER           | 99603 | 82 |
| HOONAH          | 99729 | 1  |
| HOONAH          | 99829 | 26 |
| HOOPER BAY      | 99604 | 35 |
| HOPE            | 99605 | 2  |
| HOUSTON         | 99654 | 1  |
| HOUSTON         | 99684 | 1  |
| HOUSTON         | 99694 | 16 |
| HUGHES          | 99745 | 6  |
| HUSLIA          | 99746 | 15 |
| HYDABURG        | 99922 | 15 |
| HYDER           | 99523 | 1  |
| HYDER           | 99923 | 2  |
| IGIUGIG         | 99613 | 1  |
| ILIAMNA         | 99606 | 8  |
| INDIAN          | 99540 | 1  |

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| WADE HAMPTON       |
| KENAI              |
| VALDEZ/CORDOVA     |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| NOME               |
| ANCHORAGE          |
| VALDEZ/CORDOVA     |
| NOME               |
| BETHEL             |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| HAINES             |
| DENALI             |
| PRINCE OF WALES    |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
| KENAI              |
| SKA/HOO/ANG        |
| SKA/HOO/ANG        |
| WADE HAMPTON       |
| KENAI              |
| MAT-SU             |
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| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |
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| LAKE AND PENINSULA |
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| JUNEAU          | 99801 | 231 |
| JUNEAU          | 99802 | 15  |
| JUNEAU          | 99803 | 6   |
| JUNEAU          | 99811 | 3   |
| KAKE            | 99830 | 19  |
| KALSKAG         | 99607 | 1   |
| KALSKAG         | 99626 | 2   |
| KALSKAG (LOWER) | 99607 | 1   |
| KALSKAG (LOWER) | 99626 | 3   |
| KALSKAG (UPPER) | 99607 | 6   |
| KALTAG          | 99748 | 6   |
| KASIGLUK        | 99609 | 18  |
| KASILOF         | 99610 | 16  |
| KENAI           | 99611 | 123 |
| KENAI           | 99661 | 1   |
| KENAI           | 99672 | 1   |
| KETCHIKAN       | 99901 | 153 |
| KETCHIKAN       | 99950 | 8   |
| KIANA           | 99749 | 11  |
| KING COVE       | 99612 | 12  |
| KING SALMON     | 99613 | 1   |
| KIPNUK          | 99614 | 17  |
| KIVALINA        | 99750 | 14  |
| KLAWOCK         | 99925 | 26  |
| KOBUK           | 99751 | 5   |
| KODIAK          | 99615 | 152 |
| KODIAK          | 99645 | 1   |
| KOKHANOK        | 99606 | 5   |
| KOLIGANEK       | 99576 | 9   |
| KONGIGANAK      | 99559 | 11  |
| KOTLIK          | 99620 | 14  |
| KOTZEBUE        | 99752 | 59  |
| KOYUK           | 99753 | 15  |
| KOYUKUK         | 99754 | 3   |
| KWETHLUK        | 99121 | 1   |
| KWETHLUK        | 99621 | 24  |
| KWIGILLINGOK    | 99622 | 11  |

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| KETCHIKAN GATEWAY  |  |
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| NW ARCTIC          |  |
| ALEUTIANS EAST     |  |
| BRISTOL BAY        |  |
| BETHEL             |  |
| NW ARCTIC          |  |
| PRINCE OF WALES    |  |
| NW ARCTIC          |  |
| KODIAK             |  |
| KODIAK             |  |
| LAKE AND PENINSULA |  |
| DILLINGHAM         |  |
| BETHEL             |  |
| WADE HAMPTON       |  |
| NW ARCTIC          |  |
| NOME               |  |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK      |  |
| BETHEL             |  |
| BETHEL             |  |
| BETHEL             |  |