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

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Appropriation General Other
Allocations Items Funds Funds

Social Security Act and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department continues to aggressively pursue Medicaid cost containment initiatives. Efforts should continue where the Department believes additional cost containment is possible including further efforts to contain travel expenses. The Department must continue efforts imposing regulations controlling and materially reducing the cost of Personal Care Attendant (PCA) services. Efforts must be continued utilizing existing resources to impose regulations screening applicants for Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center (RPTC) services, especially for out-of-state services. The department must address the entire matrix of optional Medicaid services, reimbursement rates and eligibility requirements that are the basis of the Medicaid growth algorithm. This work is to utilize the results of the Medicaid Assessment and Planning analysis. The legislature requests that by January 2010 the Department be prepared to present projections of future Medicaid funding requirements under our existing statute and regulations and be prepared to present and evaluate the consequences of viable policy alternatives that could be implemented to lower growth rates and reducing projections of future costs.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services eliminate the requirement for narrative and financial quarterly reports for all grant recipients whose grants are \$50,000 or less. This is an unnecessary burden and is not a requirement of the federal grants.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services make a single 'upfront' payment for any grant award that is \$50,000 or less and includes a signature of the grantee certifying compliance with the terms of the grant with their approved application. Signature of the grantee would also certify that if a final report certifying completion of the grant requirements is not filed, future grants will not be considered for that grantee until all requirements of prior grants are completed satisfactorily. In the event a grantee is deemed ineligible for a future grant consideration due to improper filing of final reports, the grantee will be informed about the department's procedures for future consideration of grant eligibility. The department will establish procedures to consider retroactivity for specific grant consideration or express that the retroactivity cannot be considered for certain grants during

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds

3 the selection process.

4 It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services continue
 5 the Medicaid Reform work to improve efficiency and slow the need for General Funds in the
 6 Medicaid program. Specifically, but not exclusively, the Department is to:

7 1) Complete the evaluation of possible changes to program design, determine waiver changes
 8 necessary to secure federal funding and report back to the Second Session of the 26th Alaska
 9 Legislature on suggested changes, expected outcomes related to Medicaid sustainability, and
 10 resources needed to accomplish the work.

11 2) Develop and implement public provider reimbursement methodologies and payment rates
 12 that will further the goals of Medicaid Reform.

13 3) Continue and enhance the State and Tribal Medicaid work and partnership to enhance our
 14 ability to provide Medicaid services through Tribal Health Organizations.

15 It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services continue
 16 and enhance its efforts to reduce fraud by both providers and beneficiaries of the Medicaid
 17 program.

18	Alaska Pioneer Homes	13,823,700	13,823,700	
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19 It is the intent of the legislature that the Department maintain regulations requiring all
 20 residents of the Pioneer Homes to apply for all appropriate benefit programs prior to a state
 21 subsidy being provided for their care from the State Payment Assistance program.

22 It is the intent of the legislature that all pioneers' homes and veterans' homes applicants shall
 23 complete any forms to determine eligibility for supplemental program funding, such as
 24 Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, and other benefits as part of the application process. If an applicant
 25 is not able to complete the forms him/herself, or if relatives or guardians of the applicant are
 26 not able to complete the forms, Department of Health and Social Services staff may complete
 27 the forms for him/her, obtain the individuals' or designee's signature and submit for eligibility
 28 per AS 47.25.120.

29	Alaska Pioneer Homes	64,300		
30	Management			

31	Pioneer Homes	13,759,400		
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32	Behavioral Health	120,304,800	95,807,900	24,496,900
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33	AK Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	59,500		
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	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
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3	Program		
4	Alcohol Safety Action	1,188,300	
5	Program (ASAP)		
6	Behavioral Health Medicaid	43,862,400	
7	Services		
8	Behavioral Health Grants	26,407,300	
9	It is the intent of the legislature that the department continue developing policies and		
10	procedures surrounding the awarding of recurring grants to assure that applicants are regularly		
11	evaluated on their performance in achieving outcomes consistent with the expectations and		
12	missions of the Department related to their specific grant. The recipient's specific		
13	performance should be measured and incorporated into the decision whether to continue		
14	awarding grants. Performance measurement should be standardized, accurate, objective and		
15	fair, recognizing and compensating for differences among grant recipients including acuity of		
16	services provided, client base, geographic location and other factors necessary and appropriate		
17	to reconcile and compare grant recipient performances across the array of providers and		
18	services involved.		
19	It is the intent of the legislature that the \$181.0 increment in the FY10 budget for Behavioral		
20	Health Grants be used for the Volunteers of America ARCH residential treatment center for		
21	adolescents with substance abuse/dependency and co-occurring disorders.		
22	Behavioral Health	3,392,000	
23	Administration		
24	Community Action	1,047,200	
25	Prevention & Intervention		
26	Grants		
27	Rural Services and Suicide	2,135,700	
28	Prevention		
29	Psychiatric Emergency	7,673,000	
30	Services		
31	Services to the Seriously	12,724,200	
32	Mentally Ill		
33	Designated Evaluation and	3,031,900	

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Items	Funds
			Funds	Funds
3	Public Assistance		13,200	13,200
4	Public Assistance	13,200		
5	Administration			
6	Public Health		1,096,800	971,800
7	Nursing	98,300		
8	Women, Children and Family	877,700		
9	Health			
10	Certification and Licensing	120,800		
11	Senior and Disabilities		15,358,000	13,902,200
12	Services			1,455,800

13 It is the intent of the legislature that regulations related to the General Relief / Temporary
14 Assisted Living program be reviewed and revised as needed to minimize the length of time
15 that the state provides housing alternatives and assure the services are provided only to
16 intended beneficiaries who are actually experiencing harm, abuse or neglect. The department
17 should educate care coordinators and direct service providers about who should be referred
18 and when they are correctly referred to the program in order that referring agents correctly
19 match consumer needs with the program services intended by the department.

20	General Relief/Temporary	740,300		
21	Assisted Living			
22	Senior and Disabilities	2,737,900		
23	Services Administration			
24	Senior Community Based	3,069,400		
25	Grants			

26 It is the intent of the legislature that funding in the FY 2010 budget for Senior Community
27 Based Grants be used to invest in successful home and community based supports provided
28 by grantees who have demonstrated successful outcomes documented in accordance with the
29 department's performance based evaluation procedures.

30 It is the intent of the legislature that \$609,900 of this appropriation be used to hold harmless
31 those regions that will see a reduction in available grants for Family Caregiver, Nutrition,
32 Transportation and Support, and In Home Services due to the State's implementation of a new
33 statewide funding formula.

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Items	Funds
			Funds	Funds
3	Community Developmental	7,924,800		
4	Disabilities Grants			
5	Commission on Aging	117,000		
6	Governor's Council on	768,600		
7	Disabilities and Special			
8	Education			
9	Departmental Support		1,453,800	1,403,800
10	Services			50,000
11	Commissioner's Office	157,800		

12 It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services complete
13 the following tasks related to fiscal audits required in chapter 66, SLA 2003 of all Medicaid
14 providers:

15 1. Develop regulations addressing the use of extrapolation methodology following an audit of
16 Medicaid providers that clearly defines the difference between actual overpayment of funds to
17 a provider and ministerial omission or clerical billing error that does not result in
18 overpayment to the provider. The extrapolation methodology will also define percentage of
19 'safe harbor' overpayment rates for which extrapolation methodology will be applied.

20 2. Develop training standards and definitions regarding ministerial and billing errors versus
21 overpayments. Include the use of those standards and definitions in the State's audit contracts.
22 All audits initiated after the effective date of this intent and resulting in findings of
23 overpayment will be calculated under the Department's new regulations governing
24 overpayment standards and extrapolation methodology.

25 It is the intent of the legislature that the department develops a ten year funding source and
26 use of funds projection for the entire department.

27 It is the intent of the legislature that the department continue working on implementing a
28 provider rate rebasing process and specific funding recommendations for both Medicaid and
29 non-Medicaid providers to be completed and available to the legislature no later than
30 December 15, 2009.

31	Administrative Support	91,400		
32	Services			
33	Information Technology	854,600		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
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3	Services		
4	HSS State Facilities Rent	350,000	
5	*****	*****	
6	***** Department of Law *****		
7	*****	*****	
8	Criminal Division	12,500	12,500
9	Criminal Justice	12,500	
10	Litigation		
11	Civil Division	84,500	84,500
12	Human Services and Child	84,500	
13	Protection		
14	*****	*****	
15	***** Department of Natural Resources *****		
16	*****	*****	
17	Resource Development	2,273,400	2,273,400
18	Mental Health Trust Lands	2,273,400	
19	Administration		
20	*****	*****	
21	***** Department of Revenue *****		
22	*****	*****	
23	Alaska Mental Health Trust	2,650,000	2,650,000
24	Authority		
25	Mental Health Trust	2,650,000	
26	Operations		
27	*****	*****	
28	***** University of Alaska *****		
29	*****	*****	
30	Statewide Programs and	474,000	100,000
31	Services		374,000
32	Statewide Services	474,000	
33	University of Alaska	1,418,800	200,800
			1,218,000

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
			Funds
1			
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3	Anchorage		
4	Anchorage Campus	1,418,800	
5	University of Alaska	25,000	25,000
6	Fairbanks		
7	Fairbanks Campus	25,000	
8	*****	*****	
9	***** Alaska Court System *****		
10	*****	*****	
11	Alaska Court System	1,812,300	837,000
12	Trial Courts	227,000	
13	Therapeutic Courts	1,585,300	
14	It is the intent of the legislature that, as much as is possible, FY 2011 funding for Therapeutic		
15	Courts currently appropriated in other agencies be aggregated in the Therapeutic Courts		
16	allocation within the Alaska Court System.		
17	(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON PAGE 11)		

1 * **Sec. 2.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of
2 this Act.

3 Funding Source Amount

4 **Department of Administration**

5 1037 General Fund / Mental Health 1,873,200

6 1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized 151,300

7 Receipts

8 *** Total Agency Funding *** \$2,024,500

9 **Department of Corrections**

10 1037 General Fund / Mental Health 7,295,900

11 1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized 374,000

12 Receipts

13 *** Total Agency Funding *** \$7,669,900

14 **Department of Education and Early Development**

15 1037 General Fund / Mental Health 339,800

16 1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized 200,000

17 Receipts

18 *** Total Agency Funding *** \$539,800

19 **Department of Health and Social Services**

20 1037 General Fund / Mental Health 140,123,200

21 1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized 7,033,000

22 Receipts

23 1180 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Treatment & 19,919,900

24 Prevention Fund

25 *** Total Agency Funding *** \$167,076,100

26 **Department of Law**

27 1037 General Fund / Mental Health 84,500

28 1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized 12,500

29 Receipts

30 *** Total Agency Funding *** \$97,000

31 **Department of Natural Resources**

1	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized	2,273,400
2	Receipts	
3	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$2,273,400
4	Department of Revenue	
5	1094 Mental Health Trust Administration	2,650,000
6	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$2,650,000
7	University of Alaska	
8	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	300,800
9	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized	1,617,000
10	Receipts	
11	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$1,917,800
12	Alaska Court System	
13	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	837,000
14	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized	975,300
15	Receipts	
16	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$1,812,300
17	* * * * * Total Budget * * * * *	\$186,060,800
18	(SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON PAGE 13)	

1 * **Sec. 3.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of
2 this Act.

3	Funding Source	Amount
4	General Funds	
5	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	150,854,400
6	***Total General Funds***	\$150,854,400
7	Federal Funds	
8	***Total Federal Funds***	\$0
9	Other Non-Duplicated Funds	
10	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized	12,636,500
11	Receipts	
12	1094 Mental Health Trust Administration	2,650,000
13	1180 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Treatment &	19,919,900
14	Prevention Fund	
15	***Total Other Non-Duplicated Funds***	\$35,206,400
16	Duplicated Funds	
17	***Total Duplicated Funds***	\$0

18 (SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON PAGE 14)

1 * **Sec. 4.** The following appropriation items are for capital projects and grants from the
 2 general fund or other funds as set out in section 5 of this Act by funding source to the
 3 agencies named for the purposes expressed and lapse under AS 37.25.020, unless otherwise
 4 noted.

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
	*****	*****	
	***** Department of Health and Social Services *****		
	*****	*****	
10	MH Continuing Bring the	2,200,000	2,200,000
11	Kids Home Initiative		
12	Denali Match (HD 1-40)		
13	MH Deferred Maintenance	750,000	750,000
14	and Accessibility		
15	Improvements (HD 1-40)		
16	MH Housing - Home	1,050,000	550,000
17	Modification and Upgrades		
18	to Retain Housing (HD		
19	1-40)		
20	*****	*****	
21	***** Department of Natural Resources *****		
22	*****	*****	
23	Mental Health Trust	350,000	350,000
24	Facilities Maintenance (HD		
25	1-40)		
26	*****	*****	
27	***** Department of Revenue *****		
28	*****	*****	
29	Alaska Housing Finance		
30	 Corporation		
31	MH AHFC Beneficiary and	1,750,000	1,750,000

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Special Needs Housing (HD		
4	1-40)		
5	MH AHFC Emergency	200,000	200,000
6	Assistance Grants for		
7	Mental Health Trust		
8	Beneficiaries (HD 1-40)		
9	MH AHFC Homeless	8,000,000	7,500,000
10	Assistance Program (HD		
11	1-40)		
12	*****	*****	
13	***** Department of Transportation/Public Facilities *****		
14	*****	*****	
15	Coordinated Transportation	1,100,000	300,000
16	and Vehicles (HD 1-40)		
17	(SECTION 5 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON PAGE 16)		

1 * **Sec. 5.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 4 of
2 this Act.

3 Funding Source Amount

4 **Department of Health and Social Services**

5	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	1,250,000
6	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	300,000
7	1139 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Dividend	250,000
8	1197 Alaska Capital Income Fund	2,200,000
9	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$4,000,000

10 **Department of Natural Resources**

11	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	350,000
12	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$350,000

13 **Department of Revenue**

14	1002 Federal Receipts	2,000,000
15	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	500,000
16	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	700,000
17	1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	1,000,000
18	1139 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Dividend	1,750,000
19	1197 Alaska Capital Income Fund	4,000,000
20	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$9,950,000

21 **Department of Transportation/Public Facilities**

22	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	800,000
23	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	300,000
24	*** Total Agency Funding ***	\$1,100,000

25 * * * * * Total Budget * * * * * \$15,400,000

26 (SECTION 6 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON PAGE 17)

1 * **Sec. 6.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 4 of
2 this Act.

3	Funding Source	Amount
4	General Funds	
5	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	2,550,000
6	***Total General Funds***	\$2,550,000
7	Federal Funds	
8	1002 Federal Receipts	2,000,000
9	***Total Federal Funds***	\$2,000,000
10	Other Non-Duplicated Funds	
11	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized	1,650,000
12	Receipts	
13	1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	1,000,000
14	1139 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Dividend	2,000,000
15	***Total Other Non-Duplicated Funds***	\$4,650,000
16	Duplicated Funds	
17	1197 Alaska Capital Income Fund	6,200,000
18	***Total Duplicated Funds***	\$6,200,000

19 (SECTION 7 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON PAGE 18)

1 * **Sec. 7. PURPOSE.** In accordance with AS 37.14.003 and 37.14.005, the appropriations
2 made by this Act are for the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program.

3 * **Sec. 8. ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.** The sum of
4 \$459,724 is appropriated to the Office of the Governor for the Department of Health and
5 Social Services behavioral health data sharing partnership from the following sources in the
6 amounts stated:

7 SOURCE	AMOUNT
8 Federal funds	\$ 25,540
9 General fund	434,184

10 * **Sec. 9. NONGENERAL FUND RECEIPTS.** (a) Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
11 authorized receipts (AS 37.14.036) or administration receipts (AS 37.14.036) that exceed the
12 amounts appropriated by this Act are appropriated conditioned upon compliance with the
13 program review provisions of AS 37.07.080(h).

14 (b) If Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority authorized receipts (AS 37.14.036) or
15 administration receipts (AS 37.14.036) fall short of the estimates appropriated in this Act, the
16 affected appropriation is reduced by the amount of the shortfall in receipts.

17 * **Sec. 10. SALARY AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS.** (a) The appropriations made in sec.
18 1 of this Act include amounts for salary and benefit adjustments for public officials, officers,
19 and employees of the executive branch, Alaska Court System employees, employees of the
20 legislature, and legislators and to implement the terms for the fiscal year ending June 30,
21 2010, of the following ongoing collective bargaining agreements:

- 22 (1) Alaska Public Employees Association, for the confidential unit;
- 23 (2) Alaska State Employees Association, for the general government unit;
- 24 (3) Alaska Public Employees Association, for the supervisory unit;
- 25 (4) Alaska Vocational Technical Center Teachers' Association - National
26 Education Association, for employees of the Alaska Vocational Technical Center;
- 27 (5) Public Safety Employees Association, for regularly commissioned public
28 safety officers;
- 29 (6) Public Employees Local 71, for the labor, trades, and crafts unit; and
- 30 (7) Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association.

31 (b) The operating budget appropriations made to the University of Alaska in this Act

1 include amounts for salary and benefit adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010,
2 for university employees who are not members of a collective bargaining unit and for
3 implementing the monetary terms of the collective bargaining agreements including the terms
4 of the agreement providing for the health benefit plan for university employees represented by
5 the following entities:

- 6 (1) Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees;
- 7 (2) University of Alaska Federation of Teachers;
- 8 (3) United Academics;
- 9 (4) United Academics-Adjuncts.

10 (c) If a collective bargaining agreement listed in (a) or (b) of this section is not ratified
11 by the membership of the respective collective bargaining unit, the appropriations made by
12 this Act that are applicable to that collective bargaining unit's agreement are reduced
13 proportionately by the amount for that collective bargaining agreement, and the corresponding
14 funding source amounts are reduced accordingly.

15 (d) Appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act for salary and benefit adjustments as
16 described in (a) and (b) of this section are for the benefit of the state's integrated
17 comprehensive mental health program only and do not necessarily affect every group of
18 noncovered employees or every collective bargaining unit listed in (a) and (b) of this section.

19 * **Sec. 11.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2009.