

**2018 Legislature - Operating Budget  
Wordage Report - Senate Structure**

**Agency: Department of Health and Social Services**

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Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services, up to \$25,000,000 may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department of Health and Social Services.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department review fund sources in all allocations and reduce excess receipt authority where the department believes the collection of receipts is not achievable.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services submit a report to the co-chairs of the Finance Committees and Legislative Finance Division by November 15 of 2019, 2020 and 2021 on 1) disbursement and use of federal Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) dollars by community and regional hospitals, 2) the annual amount of federal DSH funds which the state is not claiming, and 3) future strategies for claiming those funds, including the possibility of hospitals matching those funds, to improve outcomes for patients, providers and the public.

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Intent

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services, up to \$20,000,000 may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department of Health and Social Services, except that no transfer may be made from the Medicaid Services appropriation.

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It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, to the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2019.

It is the intent of the legislature that the operating budgets for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, be prepared to reflect the actual or anticipated transfers between appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that departmental funding transfer authority will not be used to transfer any funding away from senior-specific services, pioneer homes, senior benefits or any other senior- specific programs.

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**Ap: Alaska Pioneer Homes**

AI: Pioneer Homes

Conditional Language

The amount allocated for Pioneer Homes includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2018, of the Department of Health and Social Services, Pioneer Homes care and support receipts under AS 47.55.030.

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**Ap: Public Assistance**

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature to fully fund the Senior Benefits Payment Program upon reauthorization during the 2018 legislative session.

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AI: Public Assistance Field Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Division of Public Assistance pursue opportunities to work with Code for America to develop a single on-line application for public assistance programs, including Medicaid, Adult Public Assistance, and the Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program, and report back to the legislature on its progress by November 15, 2018 and again on November 15, 2019.

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**Ap: Senior and Disabilities Services**

AI: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health & Social Services re-examine service delivery models to ensure eligible senior and disabled populations receive appropriate services irrespective of where they live in Alaska. The Department of Health and Social Services shall submit a report to co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division on the status of the service no later than February 15, 2019.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the State of Alaska proceed expeditiously to establish companion services under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act to complement and support the services provided through the Medicare/Medicaid waiver programs. The Department of Health and Social Services shall submit a report to co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division on the status of the service no later than January 31, 2019.

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It is the intent of the legislature that funding for day habilitation be sufficient to provide up to 624 hours annually per recipient. The request for additional day habilitation over the annual "soft cap" of 624 hours may be approved to avoid institutional care or for the safety of Medicaid recipients.

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**Ap: Departmental Support Services**

AI: Performance Bonuses

Conditional Language

The amount appropriated by the appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2018, of federal unrestricted receipts from the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, P.L. 111-3. Funding appropriated in this allocation may be transferred among appropriations in the Department of Health and Social Services.

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AI: Commissioner's Office

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department work with Tribal Health Organizations for care coordination agreements with non-tribal providers in order to increase valid referrals for Indian Health Service eligible recipients to maximize the 100% FMAP. It is further the intent of the legislature that the department clearly outline requirements for 100% FMAP for services provided to an IHS beneficiary receiving Medicaid benefits thereby reducing general fund dependency by approximately \$35 million.

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**Ap: Medicaid Services**

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that, before submitting funding requests for the fiscal year 2020 Medicaid program, the Department of Health and Social Services provide legislators with all non-confidential reports compiled with third-party consultants relating to Medicaid programs and future enrollment projections, in electronic form where possible, if the report is requested by a legislator.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department work with the Legislative Finance Division to prepare a template for reports to be delivered to the co-chairs of the finance committees and the Legislative Finance Division related to actual Medicaid expenditures and projections for the remainder of FY19 on October 15th, January 15th, March 15th, and June 15th. It is further the intent that the template provide FY20 expenditure projections.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department significantly increase its efforts to reduce, by approximately \$40 million, the state share of Medicaid service costs by managing Medicaid utilization to index with the national average per enrollee cost. In doing so, the department should take into consideration a multiplier to the national average to account for a reasonably higher cost of health care in Alaska.