

**2019 Legislature - Operating Budget
Wordage Report - Senate Structure**

Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

20GovAmdTOT House Senate CS1 SenFC FINAL

Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, funding may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services shall prepare a report on whether the department may obtain future savings by consolidating public health laboratories throughout the state and shall submit the report to the co-chairs of the Finance Committees by January 15, 2020.

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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, except that no transfer may be made from the Medicaid Services appropriation. 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, 2020, to the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2020.

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Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, funding may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department.

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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, 2019, 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 that the Division of Public Assistance limit the use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for the purchase of snack foods, candy, and soft drinks.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that long-term care facilities be exempt from Medicaid provider rate reductions.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services honor the terms, conditions, and rate schedules set out in the already-signed "Small Facility Medicaid Payment Rate Agreements" with all facilities.

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Conditional Language

No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for Health and Social Services may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the 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.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that Critical Access Hospitals and hospitals with the dual federal designation of Sole Community Hospital and Rural Referral Center be exempt from the the five percent Medicaid rate reduction proposed by the Department of Health and Social Services.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that skilled nursing facilities and senior and disabilities services providers (nursing homes, section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act and other waiver service providers, and personal care attendant services) that serve vulnerable Alaskans be exempt from the five percent Medicaid rate reduction proposed by the Department of Health and Social Services.

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AI: Medicaid Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department work with the statewide professional hospital association to develop strategies and methodologies for implementation of hospital diagnosis related groups, acuity-based skilled nursing facility rates, rate reductions, and timely filing provisions to mitigate unintended consequences.

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The department shall submit quarterly progress reports on cost containment efforts to the co-chairs of the House and Senate Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature to exempt hospitals with the dual federal designation of Sole Community Hospital and Rural Referral Center in addition to Critical Access Hospitals from the 5% Medicaid rate reduction.

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AI: Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services maintain full funding for adult preventative dental Medicaid services.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services continue to provide Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Services.

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