

# **State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Corrections Inmate Health Care Component Budget Summary**

## **Component: Inmate Health Care**

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### **Component Mission**

To provide essential health care for offenders under the custody of the department.

### **Component Services Provided**

Inmate Health Care is responsible for assuring that all persons incarcerated by the department in correctional facilities, community residential centers, Pt. Mackenzie, Central Arizona Detention Center, and community contract jails, are provided essential medical, mental health, and dental services as required by law.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

- Continue the medical and behavioral health strategic planning process to ensure maximum allocation and utilization of resources; to ensure that the services provided are essential, adequate, cost-effective and fairly distributed among facilities.
- Expand special needs clinics for inmates with chronic illnesses, such as hypertension, diabetes, pregnancy, and HIV/AIDS.
- Expand institutional-based specialty services by bringing medical specialists into the facility where several inmate-patients can be seen instead of sending patients out of the facility to the specialist's office. Examples of specialization are orthopedics, physical therapy and ophthalmology.
- Implement medical and mental health service quality control and utilization review procedures.
- Continue to collaborate with the Department of Health and Social Services on telepsychiatry, mental health housing and strategic planning projects.
- Provide additional culturally relevant mental health programming for mentally ill Alaska Native inmates.
- Develop relevant compliance standards for the implementation of the new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

- Development of cost-effective medical and mental health care services which promote a safe and healthy environment and reduce the incidence and spread of communicable and infectious diseases.
- Escalation of pharmacy costs and a shortage of qualified nursing and other health professional staff will continue to be a problem.
- Expansion and refinement of the telepsychiatry program into all correctional institutions.
- Refinement of Policies & Procedures, including a policy to clearly identify health services which will or will not be provided by Inmate Health Care and the justification for same.
- Implementation of written protocols specifying the procedures to follow for providing care for a particular diagnosis or condition.
- Availability of more health services within the institutions to reduce transportation and hospital costs.
- Engagement in quality assurance and program compliance activities to ensure that personnel and programs are meeting established standards of performance.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

- Modification of hospital contracts to ensure maximum feasible discounts on inpatient care and new rules on quality assurance.
- Hiring of a physician has led to implementation of more appropriate cost containment measures in the hospital program and with specialty services providers, and has improved the quality of communication with health care providers.
- Expansion of the telepsychiatry program to all 13 institutions. This program has been used to perform 786 consultations.

- The Jail Alternative Services (JAS) provides special release planning and monitoring services to mental health clients on misdemeanor probation. An evaluation of the program's 66 participants resulted in a reduction in total days of incarceration from 4,847 in the 12 months before JAS to 1,839 since entering JAS. In FY2002, the number of 1,839 was further reduced to 1,365.
- Continuation of collaboration with the Alaska Mental Health Board and the Mental Health Trust to develop mechanisms for Quality Assurance for DOC mental health services. Mental Health Clinicians performed 8,450 clinical consultations in FY2002.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

- 1) Probation, Prisons and Prisoners (AS 33)
- 2) Welfare, Social Services and Institutions (AS 47)
- 3) Health and Safety (AS 18)
- 4) Criminal Law (AS 11)
- 5) Public Finance (AS 37)
- 6) State Government (AS 44)
- 7) Create Corrections (EX.OR.55)
- 8) Corrections (22 AAC)

**Inmate Health Care**  
**Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	8,993.1	8,614.1	9,728.5
72000 Travel	78.6	83.2	83.2
73000 Contractual	6,791.6	5,829.7	6,422.1
74000 Supplies	1,671.6	1,148.7	1,148.7
75000 Equipment	36.6	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>17,571.5</b>	<b>15,675.7</b>	<b>17,382.5</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	12,277.3	10,312.4	10,291.5
1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	28.0	28.0	27.9
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	4,048.5	4,092.3	4,561.3
1050 Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	1,048.5	0.0	0.0
1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	169.2	231.1	186.7
1171 PF Dividend Appropriations in lieu of Dividends to Criminals	0.0	1,011.9	2,315.1
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>17,571.5</b>	<b>15,675.7</b>	<b>17,382.5</b>

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### Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

The Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) partnered in FY2003 to utilize Medicaid funds for the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program to assist with hospital expense for inmates. Subsequently, a letter from the Federal Medicaid program was sent to all States to advise them that Medicaid funds should no longer be used for health expenses of inmates. The partnership with DH&SS alleviated the funding shortfall for the current year hospitalization contract, but replacement funds will be necessary in FY2004. The medical segregation unit at the Anchorage jail will be staffed in FY 04 to reduce contractual medical costs to the department. Increased effort to collect medical reimbursement from third party insurance is expected to alleviate some of the health care costs. Implementation of a new policy of differential care for sentenced and unsentenced inmates will also occur in FY 04.

### Summary of Component Budget Changes

#### From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>14,432.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,243.0</b>	<b>15,675.7</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-ADN# 20-3-0020 - Correctional Industries GF Auth to Inmate Health Care	239.0	0.0	0.0	239.0
-ADN# 20-3-0020 - Out of State Contracts/Inmate Health Care	1,920.0	0.0	0.0	1,920.0
-ADN# 20-3-0021 - Inmate Programs (PFD)/Inmate Health Care	0.0	0.0	141.4	141.4
-ADN# 20-3-0020 - Institution Director's Office/Inmate Health Care	149.6	0.0	0.0	149.6
-Refocus Sex Offender Treatment and Substance Abuse Programs	423.0	0.0	1,161.8	1,584.8
-Transfer GF funds to Inmate Programs	-1,584.8	0.0	0.0	-1,584.8
-\$75 per Month Health Insurance Increase for Non-covered Staff	5.4	0.0	0.0	5.4
-Jail Alternative Services Program Fund Source Change	43.3	0.0	-43.3	0.0
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-GF Across the Board Contractual Reduction	-63.2	0.0	0.0	-63.2
-Decrement Mental Health Funds based on Mental Health Trust Authority Recommendations	0.0	0.0	-1.1	-1.1
-AS 33.16.085(a) 'Act relating to Special Medical Parole and Prisoners who are Severely Disabled'	-500.0	0.0	0.0	-500.0
-Utilization of the Medical Segregation Unit at the Anchorage Jail	-755.0	0.0	0.0	-755.0
-Implementation of AS 33.30.028	-100.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0

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'Responsibilities for Costs of Medical Care'				
-Implementation of Policy and Procedure 807.02 Prisoner Health Plan	-200.0	0.0	0.0	-200.0
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Replace Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Program funding	870.7	0.0	0.0	870.7
<b>FY2004 Governor</b>	<b>14,880.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,501.8</b>	<b>17,382.5</b>

## Inmate Health Care

## Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	126	134	Annual Salaries	7,383,766
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	413,435
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	2,591,231
			<i>Less 6.35% Vacancy Factor</i>	(659,932)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>9,728,500</b>

## Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk II	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk III	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Manager I	1	0	0	0	1
Assistant Medical Director	2	0	0	0	2
Dental Hygienist	1	0	0	0	1
Forensic Psychiatrist	2	0	0	0	2
Health Practitioner I	4	1	1	4	10
Licensed Prac Nurse	13	3	1	6	23
Medical Officer	1	0	0	0	1
Medical Record Admin	1	0	0	0	1
Medical Records Asst	4	0	0	1	5
Mental Health Trust Coord	0	0	1	0	1
Mntl Hlth Clinician II	3	0	0	4	7
Mntl Hlth Clinician III	4	1	1	2	8
Mntl Hlth Clinician IV	1	0	0	0	1
Nurse I	5	0	0	0	5
Nurse II	15	0	1	15	31
Nurse II (Psych)	5	0	0	1	6
Nurse III	3	1	1	4	9
Nurse III (Psych)	1	0	0	0	1
Nurse IV (Psych)	1	0	0	0	1
Pharmacist	1	0	0	0	1
Pharmacy Assistant	2	0	0	0	2
Psychological Counslr II	6	0	0	1	7
Qa&Ur Nurse	1	0	0	0	1
Supply Technician II	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>134</b>