

MH Medicaid Review and Enhancement Project**FY2005 Request: \$300,000****Reference No: 39033****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Larry Streuber**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Medicaid Review and Enhancement Project for all four beneficiary groups. Approximately 50% of the funding will be limited to the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
MHTAAR	\$300,000						\$300,000
Total:	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

This request is for a medicaid review and enhancement project for all four beneficiary groups. This project will explore, develop, and implement ways to use Medicaid to fund new services or maximize resources for existing services to underserved beneficiaries. Approximately 50% of the funding will be limited to the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services.

The purpose of this study is to 1) determine the cost-benefits of using Medicaid to maximize resources for existing services to underserved or unserved beneficiaries or fund new services; and 2) to develop and implement ways to fund these services. The study would identify the most effective menu of services to meet needs that could be financed by new Home and Community Based Waivers, Options, or existing Medicaid services for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, addiction, or Alzheimer's or related dementia.

Since not all beneficiary populations are effectively served with existing waivers, the existing options, or mandated Medicaid services outlined in the State plan to the extent that may be possible, it is time to explore more effective ways of using Medicaid to fund services for Trust beneficiaries. In addition to people waiting for services, other groups of beneficiaries (i.e. seniors with Alzheimer's, children with serious emotional disorders, survivors of traumatic brain injury) may be using Medicaid-funded institutional care, going without essential services or being served in non-effective ways.

The project would be implemented in three phases. During the first year, the Study Phase, a determination would be made regarding the cost-benefits of using Medicaid to better meet the beneficiaries' needs, define target populations of beneficiaries and link a set of community services to them that could be funded through new Medicaid Waivers, Options, or State Plan services.

New waivers for the target groups would be written and submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, new options would be developed and changes to existing State Medicaid Plan services would be designed in the State of Alaska Capital Project Summary
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Development Phase, years two and three. The project would be completed with an Implementation Phase in years three and four. Tasks would include drafting regulations that define services; creating billing mechanisms within the payment system; making technical changes in the state's Medicaid Plan; instituting methods of continuous improvement; establishing provider qualifications; and providing training to deliver the services and supports in community programs.

Each of the four beneficiary boards have identified complementary areas where Medicaid could be used to more effectively meet the needs of its beneficiary group and survivors of traumatic brain injury, who cross all four boards. The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is interested in exploring ways to use Medicaid to provide substance abuse treatment as part of an overall behavioral health treatment package. The Alaska Commission on Aging is interested in assessing the impact of changing eligibility for Waiver services to include functional impairment rather than nursing level of care, which often excludes people with ADRD and TBI and/or exploring a waiver for these populations.

The Alaska Mental Health Board is interested in ensuring that eligible services are 1) based on achieving desired results and 2) flexible in order to allow services to be tailored to what individuals need to achieve desired results including if possible, non-traditional approaches; and that disincentives to achieving desired results are ferreted out and corrected where possible. The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education is interested in developing self-determined services and addressing the disparity of services available to individuals with waivers versus those who do not qualify for a waiver or are waitlisted.