

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Designated Evaluation and Treatment Component Budget Summary

Component: Designated Evaluation and Treatment

Contribution to Department's Mission

To protect and improve the quality of life for consumers impacted by mental disorders or illness.

Core Services

The Designated Evaluation and Treatment component provides fee-for-service funding, on a payer-of-last resort basis, to designated local community and specialty hospitals for evaluation and treatment services provided to people under court-ordered commitment through AS 47.30.655-915, and to people who meet those criteria but have agreed to voluntary services in lieu of commitment.

With this funding, a designated facility may provide up to 72-hour inpatient psychiatric evaluations, up to 7 days of crisis stabilization, or up to 40 days of in-patient hospital services close to the consumer's home, family, and support system. Component funding also supports consumer and escort travel to designated hospitals and back to their home community.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$1,211,900	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Utilization of these services continues to grow every year and is passionately supported by the stakeholder groups; often consumers prefer to avoid the perception of stigma associated with treatment at API. While this component received increased funding in FY07, at the same time the need for services continues to grow. The ability of the Division to renegotiate contracts to contain unit costs for inpatient care is limited because of the Medicaid Daily Rate set by our department. In addition, transportation costs can be high because of escort costs and for some emergent situations that require Medivac services.

We have centralized management of this program to provide greater consistency. Our management efforts focused on increased review and oversight to insure medical necessity within program guidelines; and policies and procedures were updated. This has been a challenge since the program does not provide funding for personnel costs and the staff assigned has other duties as a Regional Specialist with grantees and as a statewide data specialist.

It is a further challenge that only three community hospitals in Bethel, Fairbanks and Juneau provide inpatient psychiatric treatment beyond the evaluation and stabilization of patients in crisis. In FY06, an additional two hospitals provided local evaluation services. The Division encourages hospitals in Alaska's other communities to begin offering evaluation and stabilization services. This will be a further drain on the limited resources of the program without additional funding. Patients requiring treatment elsewhere around the state must leave their community to receive services.

This is a mandated service that can be court ordered through a Title 47 hold. That means that cost control of this program is difficult without appropriate legislation and legislative financial support.

In FY05, this program funded 344 patients' hospital stays and provided 657 transports for patients. FY06 numbers will not be captured until the end of this calendar year.

We are moving from an on-site review process with the hospitals to a desk audit process. This is due to the mandatory vacancy in the position required due to budget shortfalls in FY 07. This may have implications for maintaining compliance with standards if we are not able to provide technical assistance in the field.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

No significant changes for FY08

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

DBH staff who oversee the DET Program continued to provide extensive community education program around the state to familiarize the DET hospital staff and local behavioral health centers with the program to facilitate early discharge and follow up with appropriate community services. We succeeded in getting a DET agreement online in Bethel, so we now have three treatment hospitals in the state to assist. We have added Designated Evaluation and Stabilization services in South Peninsula Hospital and are continuing to pursue additional agreements around the state.

The Division expanded utilization of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for funding DET services in two Alaska hospitals. One hospital's DSH agreement was expanded to cover transportation/escort costs statewide after DBH review and approval.

DBH revised the training manual and provided training and technical assistance in the updated DET policies and procedures to hospital and community behavioral health staff in 12 communities.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- AS 47.30.520 - 620 Community Mental Health Services Act
- AS 47.30.655 - 915 State Mental Health Policy
- AS 47.30.011 - 061 Mental Health Trust Authority
- 7 AAC 78 Grant Programs
- 7 AAC 72 Civil Commitment
- 7 AAC 71 Community Mental Health Services

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**Designated Evaluation and Treatment
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	2,121.9	1,211.9	1,211.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,121.9	1,211.9	1,211.9
Funding Sources:			
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	2,121.9	1,211.9	1,211.9
Funding Totals	2,121.9	1,211.9	1,211.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	1,211.9	0.0	0.0	1,211.9
FY2008 Governor	1,211.9	0.0	0.0	1,211.9