

Information Services Security Enhancements

FY2009 Request: \$1,000,000
Reference No: 35721

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013

Project Type: Transitional
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request would fund information technology and security improvements to ensure compliance with federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

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

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH159/SLA04/P26/L28 - \$296.0 Federal Unrestricted, \$296.0 Federal; CH82/SLA03/P28/L27 - \$640.7 GF Match, \$640.7 Federal; CH1/SLA02/P40/L22 - \$438.8 GF Match, \$438.8 Federal

Project Description/Justification:

The Department of Health and Social Services is implementing in-depth impact analysis and requirements assessments for its health care programs, operations, computer systems and policies and procedures to comply with new federal regulations concerning electronic transmission, privacy and security of patient and health care information. The level of federal reimbursement for this project has been higher than expected. This request is to allow the Department to use federal reimbursement up to the level provided for the project.

There are several areas concerning HIPAA regulation that continue to require funding. The Security Assessment project has two more phases to complete with contracted security expert guidance as well as future remediation efforts once the assessment has been completed. It will be necessary for remediation efforts to use consultant and contracted services. However, Information Technology staff time and knowledge is also required. The current HIPAA security model calls for a Department Security Officer and other salaried staff working on HIPAA issues, including the HIPAA Privacy Officer and HIPAA Privacy Assistant. Hardware, software tools, and other equipment will need to be purchased during the remediation effort, some of which have been generally identified but require further evaluation and specification during the remediation process.

The Department expects to spend approximately \$500,000 in consultant and contractor costs to finish the Security Assessment and remediate the assessment's findings. The cost for hardware, software, and equipment is estimated at \$500,000.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by ensuring information for all clients requiring health-related services are kept secure and confidential.