

State of Alaska FY2011 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Senior Benefits Payment Program Component Budget Summary

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program

Contribution to Department's Mission

Help low-income seniors who are at least 65 years of age remain independent in the community by providing a cash benefit.

Core Services

- Provide monthly cash assistance to needy seniors. Payments are \$125.00, \$175.00, or \$250.00 per month depending on the senior's gross annual income. Income limits are tied to Alaska's Federal Poverty Level Guidelines, which are adjusted every year.

Key Component Challenges

Meeting the increased demands of anticipated growth in the Senior Benefit caseload. The caseload reached almost 10,000 by July 2009, on target with original projections. It is expected that potentially eligible seniors will continue to apply for benefits as they become aware of the program through further outreach efforts.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2011

The division estimates program enrollment will continue to grow in accordance with population demographics and as more seniors learn about the program and apply.

Status Updates for Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

The division estimates program enrollment will reach 10,221 in FY10 as more seniors learn about the program and apply, and that the caseload will grow at a slower rate in future years in accordance with population demographics.

Status Update for FY2010: During the first few months of FY10 the caseload was just under 10,000. Continued growth is expected through the year that will reach the 10,221 cases estimated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2009

Conducted an outreach and media advertisement campaign to inform seniors of their possible eligibility for benefits. Television commercials ran for several months and information was mailed to public assistance recipients, village councils and senior organizations throughout the state explaining the program.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.45.301-.309 Senior Benefits Program
7 AAC 47.545-.599 Senior Benefits Program

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**Senior Benefits Payment Program
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	397.5	474.2	474.2
72000 Travel	0.1	9.7	9.7
73000 Services	101.7	169.7	169.7
74000 Commodities	10.8	43.5	43.5
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	18,480.0	18,926.4	19,776.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	18,990.1	19,623.5	20,473.5
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	18,990.1	19,623.5	20,473.5
Funding Totals	18,990.1	19,623.5	20,473.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2010 Management Plan to FY2011 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2010 Management Plan	19,623.5	0.0	0.0	19,623.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Restore Funding to Meet Original Senior Benefits Enrollment Projections	850.0	0.0	0.0	850.0
FY2011 Governor	20,473.5	0.0	0.0	20,473.5

Senior Benefits Payment Program Personal Services Information				
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor		
Full-time	6	6	Annual Salaries	266,149
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	42,569
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	176,285
			<i>Less 2.23% Vacancy Factor</i>	(10,803)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	6	6	Total Personal Services	474,200

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Elig Technician I	0	0	0	4	4
Elig Technician III	0	0	0	1	1
Office Assistant I	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	0	0	0	6	6

Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Conference Committee	FY2010 Authorized	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor	FY2010 Management Plan vs FY2011 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	397.5	474.2	474.2	474.2	474.2	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.1	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	101.7	169.7	169.7	169.7	169.7	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	10.8	43.5	43.5	43.5	43.5	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	18,480.0	18,926.4	18,926.4	18,926.4	19,776.4	850.0	4.5%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	18,990.1	19,623.5	19,623.5	19,623.5	20,473.5	850.0	4.3%
Fund Sources:							
1004 Gen Fund	18,990.1	19,623.5	19,623.5	19,623.5	20,473.5	850.0	4.3%
General Funds	18,990.1	19,623.5	19,623.5	19,623.5	20,473.5	850.0	4.3%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	6	6	6	6	6	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios With Descriptions
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)

RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2010 Conference Committee To FY2010 Authorized *****												
FY2010 Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	19,623.5	474.2	9.7	169.7	43.5	0.0	18,926.4	0.0	6	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		19,623.5										
Subtotal		19,623.5	474.2	9.7	169.7	43.5	0.0	18,926.4	0.0	6	0	0
***** Changes From FY2010 Authorized To FY2010 Management Plan *****												
Subtotal		19,623.5	474.2	9.7	169.7	43.5	0.0	18,926.4	0.0	6	0	0
***** Changes From FY2010 Management Plan To FY2011 Governor *****												
Restore Funding to Meet Original Senior Benefits Enrollment Projections												
	Inc	850.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	850.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		850.0										
Totals		20,473.5	474.2	9.7	169.7	43.5	0.0	19,776.4	0.0	6	0	0

The Division of Public Assistance (DPA) projects a 4% caseload growth for the Senior Benefits Payment program in FY11, which results in a shortfall of \$850.0 in this component. These projections fall in line with those submitted with the original fiscal notes for the start up of the program. The program has grown significantly as outreach efforts have made more seniors aware of these benefits. Additional growth is expected as the population ages and the proportion of those 65 years old and older continues to increase.

Without this increase the Senior Benefits Program will not be able to provide benefits to the full population meeting the eligibility requirements for the program.

During a special session in late June 2007, the Alaska Legislature passed legislation to create a new Senior Benefits Payment program to benefit low-income seniors, which followed the sunset of the SeniorCare program. DPA successfully transitioned almost 7,000 seniors from the former SeniorCare Program to the new Senior Benefits Payment Program. DPA continues to process applications for individuals newly eligible under the income limits and during FY09 the program reached a caseload high of 9,886.

Personal Services Expenditure Detail
Department of Health and Social Services

Scenario: FY2011 Governor (7749)
Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

PCN	Job Class Title	Time Status	Retire Code	Barg Unit	Location	Salary Sched	Range / Step	Comp Month	Split / Count	Annual Salaries	COLA	Premium Pay	Annual Benefits	Total Costs	GF Amount
06-8630	Elig Technician III	FT	A	GG	Wasilla	2A	15L / M	12.0		60,672	0	13,999	37,498	112,169	112,169
06-8631	Elig Technician I	FT	A	GP	Wasilla	2A	13E / F	12.0		43,273	0	8,107	29,355	80,735	80,735
06-8632	Elig Technician I	FT	A	GP	Wasilla	2A	13F / G	12.0		45,300	0	8,711	30,275	84,286	84,286
06-8633	Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Wasilla	2A	8C / D	12.0		29,120	0	3,345	22,743	55,208	55,208
06-8641	Elig Technician I	FT	A	GP	Wasilla	2A	13F / G	12.0		44,056	0	8,407	29,734	82,197	82,197
06-8642	Elig Technician I	FT	A	GP	Wasilla	2A	13E / F	12.0		43,728	0	0	26,680	70,408	70,408
													Total Salary Costs:	266,149	
													Total COLA:	0	
													Total Premium Pay::	42,569	
													Total Benefits:	176,285	
		Total Positions	New	Deleted											
Full Time Positions:		6	0	0											
Part Time Positions:		0	0	0											
Non Permanent Positions:		0	0	0											
Positions in Component:		6	0	0											
Total Component Months:		72.0													
													Total Pre-Vacancy:	485,003	
													Minus Vacancy Adjustment of 2.23%:	(10,803)	
													Total Post-Vacancy:	474,200	
													Plus Lump Sum Premium Pay:	0	
													Personal Services Line 100:	474,200	

PCN Funding Sources:	Pre-Vacancy	Post-Vacancy	Percent
1004 General Fund Receipts	485,003	474,200	100.00%
Total PCN Funding:	485,003	474,200	100.00%

Note: If a position is split, an asterisk (*) will appear in the Split/Count column. If the split position is also counted in the component, two asterisks (**) will appear in this column. [No valid job title] appearing in the Job Class Title indicates that the PCN has an invalid class code or invalid range for the class code effective date of this scenario.

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Travel

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
72000	Travel		0.1	9.7	9.7
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
72000 Travel Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	9.7
72110	Employee Travel (Instate)	Instate travel to administer the Senior Benefits Program.	0.0	0.0	9.7

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Line Number	Line Name			FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
73000	Services			101.7	169.7	169.7
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
73000 Services Detail Totals				0.0	0.0	169.7
73156		Telecommunication		0.0	0.0	15.5
73228		Postage		0.0	0.0	0.4
73450		Advertising & Promos		0.0	0.0	35.6
73756		Print/Copy/Graphics		0.0	0.0	25.7
73805	IT-Non-Telecommnctns	Admin	RSA to Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services for Computer EPR.	0.0	0.0	5.0
73805	IT-Non-Telecommnctns	DHSS	Eligibility Information System (EIS) computer system support.	0.0	0.0	35.5
73806	IT-Telecommunication	Admin	RSA to Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services for Telecommunications EPR.	0.0	0.0	7.0
73810	Human Resources	Admin	RSA to Department of Administration, Division of Personnel for HR services.	0.0	0.0	5.0
73811	Building Leases	Admin	Office space.	0.0	0.0	37.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	DHSS	RSAs with the Department of Health and Social Services for finance and management services, commissioner's office support services, and information technologies support.	0.0	0.0	3.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Commodities

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
74000	Commodities		10.8	43.5	43.5
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
74000 Commodities Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	43.5
74229	Business Supplies	Training materials and office supplies.	0.0	0.0	43.5

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
77000	Grants, Benefits		18,480.0	18,926.4	19,776.4
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	19,776.4
77250	Social Assistance (Benefits)	The Senior Benefits Program provides cash assistance to low-income seniors age 65 and above.	0.0	0.0	19,776.4

Inter-Agency Services
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Expenditure Account	Service Description	Service Type	Servicing Agency	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010		FY2011 Governor
					Management Plan		
73805	IT-Non-Telecommnctns	RSA to Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services for Computer EPR.	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	0.0	5.0
73805	IT-Non-Telecommnctns	Eligibility Information System (EIS) computer system support.	Intra-dept	DHSS	0.0	0.0	35.5
73805 IT-Non-Telecommnctns subtotal:					0.0	0.0	40.5
73806	IT-Telecommunication	RSA to Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services for Telecommunications EPR.	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	0.0	7.0
73806 IT-Telecommunication subtotal:					0.0	0.0	7.0
73810	Human Resources	RSA to Department of Administration, Division of Personnel for HR services.	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	0.0	5.0
73810 Human Resources subtotal:					0.0	0.0	5.0
73811	Building Leases	Office space.	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	0.0	37.0
73811 Building Leases subtotal:					0.0	0.0	37.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	RSAs with the Department of Health and Social Services for finance and management services, commissioner's office support services, and information technologies support.	Intra-dept	DHSS	0.0	0.0	3.0
73979 Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs) subtotal:					0.0	0.0	3.0
Senior Benefits Payment Program total:					0.0	0.0	92.5
Grand Total:					0.0	0.0	92.5