

**State of Alaska  
FY2015 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Corrections  
Inmate Health Care  
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

## Inmate Health Care Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide essential behavioral and physical health care for offenders that are committed to the custody of the department.

### Core Services

- Provide Required Behavioral Health Care Services
- Provide Required Physical Health Care Services

### Major RDU Accomplishments in 2013

In response to increase in the mentally ill female population, doubled the size of the sub-acute psychiatric unit located at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. The Hope Wing increased from 20 to 40 beds and has been at full capacity since the expansion was completed.

Increased ten specialty cells in the sub-acute unit at Spring Creek Correctional Center to serve as transitional cells for the mentally ill. This allows these mentally ill inmates to be moved out of segregated housing and placed within a treatment unit. The special cells makes segregation from general population possible but still be involved in intensive treatment. This allows these mentally ill offenders to receive specialized programming that will provide an avenue for transition from these specialty cells to treatment cells more quickly.

Provided 68 releasing offenders with transitional housing, related supports, or neuropsychological testing necessary to determine eligibility through the Discharge Incentive Grant.

Entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with both University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) creating nursing preceptor-ships within the departments medical units. This agreement allows nursing students to work alongside medical staff as they learn about correctional medicine.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Electronic Health Care vendors went out in early 2013 and vendors made on-site product demonstrations in March. Through a Best-Value Procurement Process a vendor was selected that most suited the unique needs in Alaska and are currently in the final stages of contract negotiations. A fully signed contract is expected by mid-November with anticipation to roll out the Electronic Health Record (EHR) pilot in March, 2014.

The medical social worker has successfully arranged for three medical paroles this year for high cost medical patients. In addition, arrangements were made for the release of nearly two dozen high-cost, low-risk offenders through either electronic monitoring or pretrial bail agreements.

Negotiated and entered a contract with a company that has dialysis clinics statewide. This has resulted in offenders requiring dialysis treatment to be placed throughout the state and eliminating the burden on one facility.

### Key RDU Challenges

Deliver essential mental health services, given the rise in acuity and the increase in number of mentally ill who are being incarcerated.

Containment of health care costs for an aging inmate population, increased chronic health conditions, and increased acute cases.

Mentally ill offenders are being placed under the department's custody in worse shape than ever before. This is evidenced by:

- More use of restraints to keep acute individuals safe.

- Increased number of offenders who are so seriously mentally ill that they meet criteria for involuntary medication.
- Release to Alaska Psychiatric Institute directly from jail has become commonplace.

While housing access has improved, more housing is needed to address the needs of the Alaska Mental Health Trust (the Trust) beneficiaries. The Interagency Council, the Trust, and housing coalitions are working to improve access to safe, sober and appropriate housing resources for all Alaskans, including those being released from correctional facilities.

Deliver essential medical care while meeting appropriate quality and compliance standards. Challenges include:

- Growing inmate population
- Higher acuity level of care due to increase in chronic health issues
- Increased catastrophic health care cases
- Aging inmate population
- Rising medical costs

Implementation for standardization of records through an electronic system.

### **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2015**

No changes in results delivered.

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**Inmate Health Care  
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2013 Actuals				FY2014 Management Plan				FY2015 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b> None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Behavioral Health Care	6,442.9	727.6	0.0	7,170.5	7,533.1	814.8	0.0	8,347.9	8,203.3	743.1	0.0	8,946.4
Physical Health Care	32,261.0	0.0	0.0	32,261.0	32,920.3	0.0	0.0	32,920.3	34,761.2	0.0	0.0	34,761.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38,703.9</b>	<b>727.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>39,431.5</b>	<b>40,453.4</b>	<b>814.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>41,268.2</b>	<b>42,964.5</b>	<b>743.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>43,707.6</b>

**Inmate Health Care  
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component  
From FY2014 Management Plan to FY2015 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2014 Management Plan</b>	<b>30,321.0</b>	<b>10,132.4</b>	<b>814.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>41,268.2</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>					
-Behavioral Health Care	670.2	0.0	-546.1	0.0	124.1
-Physical Health Care	3,442.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,442.4
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>					
-Physical Health Care	0.0	-1,601.5	0.0	0.0	-1,601.5
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Behavioral Health Care	0.0	0.0	474.4	0.0	474.4
<b>FY2015 Governor</b>	<b>34,433.6</b>	<b>8,530.9</b>	<b>743.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>43,707.6</b>