

**State of Alaska
FY2016 Governor Amended 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**

The Senior Benefits Payment Program helps low-income seniors, who are at least 65 years of age, remain independent in the community by providing a cash benefit.

Core Services

- Division employees conduct accurate and timely eligibility determinations to provide monthly cash assistance to eligible, needy seniors. Monthly payments of \$125, \$175, or \$250, depending on the senior's gross annual income, help recipients to live independently in their community.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2014

- Continued outreach efforts to inform seniors of possible eligibility for benefits. Information was mailed to public assistance recipients, village councils, and senior organizations throughout the state marketing the availability of the program.
- Cash benefits were provided to an average of 11,082 eligible seniors.
- The Division was able to stay within budgeted authority for this program in FY2014.

Key Component Challenges

- Addressing the anticipated growth in the program spending as demographics shift and the percentage of elderly Alaskans increases in the coming years.
- The Senior Benefits Payment Program was reauthorized during the 2014 Legislative Session. An average of 11,000 seniors received assistance from this program in FY2014.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2016

No changes in results delivered.

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			
	<i>All dollars shown in thousands</i>		
	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	546.2	545.3	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	9.7	0.0
73000 Services	48.3	169.7	0.0
74000 Commodities	2.9	43.5	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	21,656.5	22,332.3	17,240.7
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	22,253.9	23,100.5	17,240.7
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	10.0	4.6
1004 General Fund Receipts	22,253.9	23,090.5	17,236.1
Funding Totals	22,253.9	23,100.5	17,240.7

Estimated Revenue Collections				
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
Unrestricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	5.1	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		5.1	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	0.0	10.0	4.6
Restricted Total		0.0	10.0	4.6
Total Estimated Revenues		5.1	10.0	4.6

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2015 Management Plan to FY2016 Governor Amended**

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>
FY2015 Management Plan	23,090.5	0.0	0.0	10.0	23,100.5
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-FY2016 Salary Increases	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.4
-Transfer to Public Assistance Field Services for Administrative Costs	-774.1	0.0	0.0	-5.5	-779.6
Proposed budget decreases:					
-Reduce Senior Benefits Lower Payment Categories	-5,091.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5,091.6
FY2016 Governor Amended	17,236.1	0.0	0.0	4.6	17,240.7

Senior Benefits Payment Program Personal Services Information				
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended		
Full-time	6	0	Annual Salaries	0
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	0
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	6	0	Total Personal Services	0

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
No personal services.					
Totals	0	0	0	0	0

Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (AR23481) (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Conference Committee	FY2015 Authorized	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended	FY2015 Management Plan vs FY2016 Governor Amended	
71000 Personal Services	546.2	535.3	535.3	545.3	0.0	-545.3	-100.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	0.0	-9.7	-100.0%
73000 Services	48.3	169.7	169.7	169.7	0.0	-169.7	-100.0%
74000 Commodities	2.9	43.5	43.5	43.5	0.0	-43.5	-100.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	21,656.5	22,332.3	22,332.3	22,332.3	17,240.7	-5,091.6	-22.8%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	22,253.9	23,090.5	23,090.5	23,100.5	17,240.7	-5,859.8	-25.4%
Fund Sources:							
1002Fed Rcpts (Fed)	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	4.6	-5.4	-54.0%
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	22,253.9	23,090.5	23,090.5	23,090.5	17,236.1	-5,854.4	-25.4%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	22,253.9	23,090.5	23,090.5	23,090.5	17,236.1	-5,854.4	-25.4%
Designated General (DGF)	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%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	4.6	-5.4	-54.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	6	6	6	6	0	-6	-100.0%
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 FY2015 Conference Committee To FY2015 Authorized *****												
FY2015 Conference Committee												
1004 Gen Fund	ConfCom	23,090.5	535.3	9.7	169.7	43.5	0.0	22,332.3	0.0	6	0	0
		23,090.5										
Subtotal		23,090.5	535.3	9.7	169.7	43.5	0.0	22,332.3	0.0	6	0	0
***** Changes From FY2015 Authorized To FY2015 Management Plan *****												
Transfer from Field Services for Eligibility Determinations												
1002 Fed Rcpts	Trin	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
		10.0										
Subtotal		23,100.5	545.3	9.7	169.7	43.5	0.0	22,332.3	0.0	6	0	0
***** Changes From FY2015 Management Plan To FY2016 Governor Amended *****												
FY2016 Salary Increases												
1002 Fed Rcpts	SalAdj	11.4	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		0.1										
		11.3										
Cost of living adjustment for certain bargaining units: \$11.4												
Year three cost of living adjustment for Alaska State Employees Association/General Government Unit - 2.5%: \$11.4												
Reduce Senior Benefits Lower Payment Categories												
1004 Gen Fund	Dec	-5,091.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5,091.6	0.0	0	0	0
		-5,091.6										

This reflects approximately a 20% reduction to the two lower pay levels of the Senior Benefits Program which is based on an overall caseload of 5,932 participants receiving \$125 and 3,890 participants receiving \$175 per month. The proposed reduction would require a statutory revision to AS 47.45.302 to the payment levels described.

This reduction is based on existing caseload data which is likely to change as the population ages. Economic forecasts for the population being served by this program are projected to double between now and 2050.

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	
<p>The average age of the recipients of the Senior Benefits Program is 75, however, age of recipients ranges from 70 to over 100. The eligibility and payment amount is based on gross annual income before any deductions are taken for taxes, Medicare premiums, etc. Assets such as a person's savings are not considered in determining eligibility for the program. Payments are not available to seniors who are in prison or jail; living in a nursing home, the Alaska Pioneers' Home or Alaska Veterans' Home; or living in a public or private institution for mental disease.</p> <p>A person with a household income of \$25,515 annually or \$2,127 per month or a married couple with a household income of \$34,405 annually or \$2,868 per month is eligible for the lowest pay level in the program (\$125 per month).</p> <p>A person with a household income of \$14,580 annually or \$1,215 per month or a married couple with a household income of \$19,660 annually or \$1,639 per month is eligible for the second payment level in the program (\$175 per month).</p>												
Transfer to Public Assistance Field Services for Administrative Costs												
	Trout	-779.6	-556.7	-9.7	-169.7	-43.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-6	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		-5.5										
1004 Gen Fund		-774.1										
	Totals	17,240.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17,240.7	0.0	0	0	0

Personal Services Expenditure Detail
Department of Health and Social Services

Scenario: FY2016 Governor Amended (12201)
Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

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		FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
72000	Travel		0.0	9.7	0.0
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
72000 Travel Detail Totals			0.0	9.7	0.0
72110	Employee Travel (Instate)	Instate travel to administer the Senior Benefits Program.	0.0	9.7	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

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

Line Number	Line Name			FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
73000	Services			48.3	169.7	0.0
Expenditure Account				FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
73000 Services Detail Totals				48.3	169.7	0.0
73150	Information Technlgy		Software licensing	1.2	1.2	0.0
73156	Telecommunication		Local and long distance telephone support.	5.2	6.0	0.0
73225	Delivery Services		Postage for mailing out recipient warrants.	4.3	4.0	0.0
73450	Advertising & Promos		Marketing and Outreach.	0.0	5.0	0.0
73525	Utilities		Disposal services	0.3	1.0	0.0
73650	Struc/Infstruct/Land			0.4	1.0	0.0
73675	Equipment/Machinery			0.5	0.0	0.0
73750	Other Services (Non IA Svcs)		Printing recipient warrants and notices.	17.1	53.0	0.0
73805	IT-Non-Telecommunication			4.9	0.0	0.0
73805	IT-Non-Telecommunication	Admin	RSA to Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services for Computer EPR.	0.0	5.0	0.0
73805	IT-Non-Telecommunication	DHSS	Eligibility Information System (EIS) computer system support.	0.0	35.5	0.0
73806	IT-Telecommunication			7.6	0.0	0.0
73806	IT-Telecommunication	Admin	RSA to Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services for Telecommunications EPR.	0.0	10.0	0.0
73810	Human Resources			2.8	0.0	0.0
73810	Human Resources	Admin	RSA to Department of Administration, Division of Personnel for HR services.	0.0	6.0	0.0
73811	Building Leases	Admin	Office space.	0.0	37.0	0.0
73814	Insurance			0.3	0.0	0.0
73816	ADA Compliance			0.1	0.0	0.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)			3.6	0.0	0.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	DHSS	RSA with the Department of Health and Social Services	0.0	5.0	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)

RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
73000 Services Detail Totals			48.3	169.7	0.0
		for finance and management services, commissioner's office support services, and information technology's support.			

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Commodities

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

Line Number	Line Name		FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
74000	Commodities		2.9	43.5	0.0
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
74000 Commodities Detail Totals			2.9	43.5	0.0
74200	Business	Training materials and office supplies.	2.9	43.5	0.0

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		FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
77000	Grants, Benefits		21,656.5	22,332.3	17,240.7
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			21,656.5	22,332.3	17,240.7
77110	Grants		10.0	0.0	0.0
77670	Benefits	The Senior Benefits Program provides cash assistance to low-income seniors age 65 and above.	21,646.5	22,332.3	17,240.7

Unrestricted Revenue Detail
Department of Health and Social Services

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

Master Account	Revenue Description				FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
51010	Federal Receipts				5.1	0.0	0.0
Detail Information							
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
51010	Federal Receipts				5.1	0.0	0.0

Restricted Revenue Detail
Department of Health and Social Services

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

Master Account	Revenue Description				FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
51010	Federal Receipts				0.0	10.0	4.6
Detail Information							
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
51010	Federal Receipts			11100	0.0	10.0	4.5
	Federal receipts from performing eligibility determinations in multiple program areas of the Division of Public Assistance.						
51010	Federal Receipts		06216070	11100	0.0	0.0	0.1
	Cost of living adjustment for certain bargaining units.						

Interagency 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	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
73805	IT-Non-Telecommunication	Inter-dept		4.9	0.0	0.0
73805	IT-Non-Telecommunication	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	5.0	0.0
73805	IT-Non-Telecommunication	Intra-dept	DHSS	0.0	35.5	0.0
		73805 IT-Non-Telecommunication subtotal:		4.9	40.5	0.0
73806	IT-Telecommunication	Inter-dept		7.6	0.0	0.0
73806	IT-Telecommunication	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	10.0	0.0
		73806 IT-Telecommunication subtotal:		7.6	10.0	0.0
73810	Human Resources	Inter-dept		2.8	0.0	0.0
73810	Human Resources	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	6.0	0.0
		73810 Human Resources subtotal:		2.8	6.0	0.0
73811	Building Leases	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	37.0	0.0
		73811 Building Leases subtotal:		0.0	37.0	0.0
73814	Insurance	Inter-dept		0.3	0.0	0.0
		73814 Insurance subtotal:		0.3	0.0	0.0
73816	ADA Compliance	Inter-dept		0.1	0.0	0.0
		73816 ADA Compliance subtotal:		0.1	0.0	0.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	Inter-dept		3.6	0.0	0.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	Intra-dept	DHSS	0.0	5.0	0.0
		73979 Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs) subtotal:		3.6	5.0	0.0
		Senior Benefits Payment Program total:		19.3	98.5	0.0
		Grand Total:		19.3	98.5	0.0