

**State of Alaska  
FY2017 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**

Hospital-based designated evaluation and treatment services are provided to Alaskans experiencing mental health crises when the needs of those individuals in crisis exceed the treatment capacities of their local communities, including the service options of their grant-funded comprehensive behavioral health center staff, and when, as a result, these individuals are court-ordered to a designated evaluation and treatment facility for involuntary evaluation and/or treatment. Designated evaluation and treatment services are generally provided as close to each individual's home as possible, as promptly as possible, in a manner that informs the individual of his/her rights, and allows him/her to participate, to the extent possible, in their own treatment.

## **Core Services**

- The Designated Evaluation and Treatment component provides fee-for-service funding on a payer-of-last resort basis to designated local community hospitals. These designated hospitals provide involuntary evaluation and treatment services to people court-ordered under Alaska Statute 47.30.655 – 47.30.915, and to people who meet commitment criteria but have agreed to voluntary services in lieu of commitment under Alaska Statute 47.31.010(b)(1)(B).
- A Designated Evaluation and Treatment facility may provide up to 72 hours of inpatient psychiatric evaluation; seven to ten days of crisis stabilization and treatment services; and 30 to 40 days of inpatient psychiatric hospital services as close to the consumer's home, family, and support systems as possible. Component funding also supports consumer and escort travel to the designated hospitals and back to their discharge placement.
- Designated Evaluation and Stabilization / Designated Evaluation and Treatment psychiatric emergency services are a costly component within the division's continuum of behavioral health services and are essential to controlling admissions to Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska's only public psychiatric hospital.
- There are Designated Evaluation and Stabilization hospitals located in Bethel and Ketchikan (Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital and PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center) and Designated Evaluation and Treatment hospitals located in the Northern Interior and Southeast Alaska regions (Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and Bartlett Regional Hospital). DET hospitals feature self-contained behavioral health units within each of their hospitals including full psychiatric care.

## **Major Component Accomplishments in 2015**

- The processes now in place, resulting from close cooperation and coordination between the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Behavioral Health, ensure that within the first few hours of an issued Title 47 court order, the state is aware of any person sitting in jail awaiting transfer on that 72-hour hold for a mental health evaluation. Significant, immediate efforts are made to arrange transport of that person in jail on the earliest possible flight to the nearest appropriate evaluation hospital.

## **Key Component Challenges**

Designated Evaluation and Stabilization / Designated Evaluation and Treatment psychiatric emergency services are a significant component within the division's continuum of behavioral health services and are essential to controlling admissions to Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska's only public psychiatric hospital. However, Designated Evaluation and Treatment services are subject to significant and enduring challenges:

- **Funding:** The Affordable Care Act took full effect in 2014, the current and primary funding source for Alaska's Designated Evaluation and Treatment (*not* stabilization) services – Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital funds – will be reduced, as the Disproportionate Share Hospital funds are scheduled to decline under the Affordable Care Act between 2016 and 2020.
- **Facilities:** Communities often lack adequate facilities or the professional staff necessary to safely stabilize persons experiencing local behavioral health emergencies. Local responders have sometimes detained people in local jails pending transport.

- **Workforce:** Designated Evaluation and Stabilization and Designated Evaluation and Treatment facilities and local community behavioral health centers will continue to struggle with workforce issues including shortages and turnover. There is a need for ongoing training in the management of psychiatric emergencies and the short-term stabilization and treatment process.
- **Functioning Partnerships:** Maintaining functioning partnerships between local hospitals and community behavioral health providers and other key social service agencies, in order to facilitate efficient and effective shared responses to local behavioral health emergencies, is a significant, continuing challenge.
- **Response Time:** With the adoption of revised Alaska Court System forms relative to the emergency detention and involuntary commitment of persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis, the Division of Behavioral Health now faces significant pressure (both monetary and legal) to arrange transport of those persons subject to court-ordered involuntary 72-hour evaluation holds within 24 hours of the time and date of the court order.
- **Expansion of Designated Hospitals:** Over 80 percent of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute's annual admissions come from the Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage Bowl. The inability to successfully attract and fund new hospitals to provide Designated Evaluation and Stabilization and Designated Evaluation and Treatment services in these areas creates a backlog of court-ordered patients awaiting transfer to the Alaska Psychiatric Institute from hospital emergency rooms statewide.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2017

No changes in results delivered.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.07.030	Medical Services to be Provided
AS 47.07.040	State Plan for Provision of Medical Assistance
AS 47.07.073	Uniform Accounting, Budgeting, and Reporting
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 43.687	Disproportionate Share Hospital
7 AAC 150.170(8)	Allowable Reasonable Operating Costs
7 AAC 150.180	Methodology and Criteria for Additional Payments as a Disproportionate Share Hospital
7 AAC 78	Grant Programs
7 AAC 71	Community Mental Health Services
7 AAC 72	Civil Commitment
13 AAC 60.010 – 900	Licensing of Security Guards and Security Guard Agencies
AS 18.65.400 – 490	Police Protection

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Designated Evaluation and Treatment (1014)  
**RDU:** Behavioral Health (483)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Conference Committee	FY2016 Authorized	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor	FY2016 Management Plan vs FY2017 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	4,747.0	3,957.7	3,957.7	3,957.7	3,957.7	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,747.0</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1037GF/MH (UGF)	4,747.0	3,957.7	3,957.7	3,957.7	3,957.7	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>4,747.0</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	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**

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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2016 Conference Committee To FY2016 Authorized *****												
FY2016 Conference Committee	ConfCom	3,957.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,957.7	0.0	0	0	0
1037 GF/MH		3,957.7										
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2016 Management Plan To FY2017 Governor *****												
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
77000	Grants, Benefits		4,747.0	3,957.7	3,957.7
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
<b>77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>4,747.0</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>	<b>3,957.7</b>
77670	Benefits		4,747.0	0.0	0.0
77670	Benefits	Title 47 Transports	0.0	626.0	626.0
77670	Benefits	DPS RSA with DPS/ Alaska State Troopers for Title 47 Transports	0.0	70.0	70.0
77670	Benefits	DET physician and hospital services not covered by DSH Agreements	0.0	50.0	50.0
77670	Benefits	H&SS RSA with DHSS/Health Care Services for DSH Agreement with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital	0.0	1,832.7	1,832.7
77670	Benefits	H&SS RSA with DHSS/Health Care Services for DSH Agreement with Bartlett Regional Hospital	0.0	1,379.0	1,379.0

**Interagency Services**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

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Expenditure Account	Service Description	Service Type	Servicing Agency	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
77670	Benefits RSA with DPS/ Alaska State Troopers for Title 47 Transports	Inter-dept	DPS	0.0	70.0	70.0
77670	Benefits RSA with DHSS/Health Care Services for DSH Agreement with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital	Intra-dept	H&SS	0.0	1,832.7	1,832.7
77670	Benefits RSA with DHSS/Health Care Services for DSH Agreement with Bartlett Regional Hospital	Intra-dept	H&SS	0.0	1,379.0	1,379.0
<b>77670 Benefits subtotal:</b>				<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,281.7</b>	<b>3,281.7</b>
<b>Designated Evaluation and Treatment total:</b>				<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,281.7</b>	<b>3,281.7</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,281.7</b>	<b>3,281.7</b>