

Change Record Detail with Description (285)
Department of Health and Social Services

Scenario: FY2016 Supplemental Feb1 (13216)
Component: Foster Care Special Need (AR H038) (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
FY2016 Supplemental Feb1												
Increase in Foster Care Special Needs Usage												
	Suppl	2,810.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,810.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		150.0										
1004 Gen Fund		2,660.0										
<p>There are approximately 1,800 licensed foster homes in Alaska that care for over 2,800 abused and neglected children at any given time. Foster homes are temporary homes for children in state custody, as the state works to rehabilitate and reunify children with their families, or in some cases find adoptive parents for the child when reunification is not an option. Foster homes receive monthly reimbursement for the costs of care provided to foster children to cover expenditures including food, clothing, daily supervision, personal items, school supplies, games and recreational activities, allowance, usual transportation costs, and other items related to raising a child.</p> <p>In addition to a monthly reimbursement for normal costs of care, the OCS provides special funding on an as-needed basis to cover certain costs not covered under foster care base rate reimbursements. These costs include child care for working foster parents; respite care for parents with children at risk; clothing and food in emergency situations; travel related to the safety of a child or for continuity in placements, or visitation with biological parents; and other costs associated with the individual needs of each child.</p> <p>The Office of Children's Services monitors and projects foster care costs for foster care base rates by full time equivalent (FTE) calculated on the number of days service is provided rather than the number of children that receive services. FTEs provide the division with a more accurate picture as children move in and out of the system regularly. One FTE equals thirty days of services provided. Children associated with Foster Care Base Rate reimbursements also receive Foster Care Special Needs funds; therefore, it is reasonable for OCS to use foster care FTEs to project special needs.</p> <p>The annual total Foster Care full time equivalent has increased 2,225 or 13 percent from FY2014 to FY2015. The FTE is projected to increase to 3,768 or 19 percent in FY2016. The FTE cost in FY2016 is projected to increase by \$2,810.0.</p> <p>While the division cannot be certain, recent growth trends could result in additional need in FY2017; however different funding and program strategies to reduce this need are currently being implemented. For example, increasing resources on the back end so that more children safely exit OCS.</p> <p>This increase is necessary to cover the projected 19 percent increase of Foster Care FTE (full-time equivalent) in FY2016. The Office of Children's Services is not able to manage within their resources due to unanticipated increases in the number of children in out-of-home placements. If this increase is not received, the division will be unable to provide the necessary financial support to Resource Families. There is no similar increase in the Governor's or Governor's Amended budgets as we are doing what we can to contain costs.</p>												
Component Totals		2,810.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,810.0	0.0	0	0	0

Change Record Detail With Description
Department of Health and Social Services

Scenario: FY2016 Supplemental Feb1 (13216)
Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (AR H039) (1962)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
Increase in Subsidized Adoptions and Guardianships												
	Suppl	6,650.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6,650.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		3,351.3										
1003 G/F Match		3,298.7										
<p>This increase covers both the increased number of subsidized adoptions and guardianships as well as the increased rates paid for children entering into a subsidized adoption or guardianship.</p> <p>The subsidized adoption and guardianship program facilitates permanent placements in adoptive and guardianship homes for an increasing number of children in custody whose special needs make them hard to place. Adoption and guardianship are considered for children who cannot return to their parents. Adoption is viewed as the most permanent placement for a child and is therefore the preferable option. As the foster care numbers increase so do the Adoption numbers. 2018 projections are 9 to 13 percent growth.</p> <p>At the end of FY2015, 3,309 children were living in permanent homes assisted through subsidized adoptions and guardianships. Since FY2009, the number of subsidized adoptions and guardianships has steadily increased at a rate of 4.5 percent annually.</p> <p>While it is difficult to point to one definitive reason for the growth, there are some elements that appear to be increasing. Some of those contributing factors include: annual rate of children in out-of-home placement is growing, the special needs of many of these children are increasingly complex in nature, and many of the families require the maximum amount allowable based on the child's needs and the rising cost of treatment services.</p> <p>Additionally, the Office of Children's Services increased foster care rates twice in recent years; in July 2008 and again in July 2013, following a lawsuit. In addition to the change in basic foster care rates, in July 2013 a significant increase was made to the augmented care rates. Augmented care rates provide additional assistance to families caring for children with needs for a higher level of care due to special needs. Subsidized adoption and guardianship rates are tied to the current foster care rate; therefore, the increase in foster care rate will affect the subsidy expenditures.</p> <p>An increment of \$4,825.0 General Fund Match and \$4,825.0 Federal Funds is included in the FY2017 Governor's budget.</p>												
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	Projected 2016	Projected 2017						
Expenditure and Projected	25,708.4	26,916.2	28,907.4	31,294.3	34,256.6	37,256.6						
Growth	6%	5%	7%	8%	9%	9%						
Component Totals		6,650.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6,650.0	0.0	0	0	0

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Scenario: FY2016 Supplemental Feb1 (13216)
Component: McLaughlin Youth Center (AR H047) (264)
RDU: Juvenile Justice (319)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
Juvenile Justice Facility Staffing												
	Suppl	520.0	520.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		520.0										
<p>The Division of Juvenile Justice McLaughlin Youth Center is not sufficiently funded for staffing costs due to safety and security minimum staffing requirements and an unrealized budgeted vacancy factor. The budget projections are based on the limited vacancies in the division since the beginning of the fiscal year. During the first five months of the fiscal year, the facility had very few vacancies. With low turnover anticipated, the budgeted vacancy factor will not be met.</p> <p>A \$470.0 increment is included in the FY2017 Governor's budget for the McLaughlin Youth Center.</p>												
Component Totals		520.0	520.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

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Scenario: FY2016 Supplemental Feb1 (13216)
Component: Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility (AR H049) (2646)
RDU: Juvenile Justice (319)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
Juvenile Justice Facility Staffing												
	Suppl	75.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		75.0										
<p>The Division of Juvenile Justice Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility is not sufficiently funded for staffing costs due to safety and security minimum staffing requirements and an unrealized budgeted vacancy factor. The budget projections are based on the limited vacancies in the division since the beginning of the fiscal year. During the first five months of the fiscal year, the facility had very few vacancies. With low turnover anticipated, the budgeted vacancy factor will not be met.</p> <p>A \$50.0 increment is included in the FY2017 Governor's budget for the Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility.</p>												
Component Totals		75.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

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Scenario: FY2016 Supplemental Feb1 (13216)
Component: Nome Youth Facility (AR H052) (266)
RDU: Juvenile Justice (319)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
Juvenile Justice Facility Staffing												
	Suppl	105.0	105.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		105.0										
<p>The Division of Juvenile Justice Nome Youth Facility is not sufficiently funded for staffing costs due to safety and security minimum staffing requirements and an unrealized budgeted vacancy factor. The budget projections are based on the limited vacancies in the division since the beginning of the fiscal year. During the first five months of the fiscal year, the facility had very few vacancies. With low turnover anticipated, the budgeted vacancy factor will not be met.</p> <p>This is a one-time increment.</p>												
Component Totals		105.0	105.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

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Scenario: FY2016 Supplemental Feb1 (13216)
Component: Juvenile Justice Health Care (AR H080) (3070)
RDU: Juvenile Justice (319)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
Increased Medical Costs for Juvenile Justice Health Care												
	Suppl	300.0	0.0	0.0	150.0	0.0	0.0	150.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		300.0										
<p>The division is statutorily required to provide necessary medical services to clients who are housed in juvenile justice facilities (AS 47.12.150, AS 47.14.020). This supplemental funding is for anticipated medical costs above and beyond the budgeted amount in several of our youth facility components. Projecting potential necessary medical service costs is challenging as the health care needs of individual youth vary from year to year and are unpredictable.</p> <p>If the division does not receive supplemental funding, funding from other programs (Probation Services, community programs, or Youth Courts) will have to be redirected because of the statutory requirement to provide these medical services. The division is working with other agencies and the department's medical authority to see if cost savings can be realized in future years by receiving preferred rates for services and finding ways to reduce the cost for pharmaceuticals.</p> <p>A \$110.0 increment is included in the FY2017 Governor's budget for Juvenile Justice Health Care.</p>												
Component Totals		300.0	0.0	0.0	150.0	0.0	0.0	150.0	0.0	0	0	0

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Scenario: FY2016 Supplemental Feb1 (13216)
Component: Health Care Medicaid Services (AR H107) (2077)
RDU: Medicaid Services (595)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
Medicaid Increased School and Tribal Claims and Overpayment Recoveries												
	Suppl	1,700.0	0.0	0.0	320.0	0.0	0.0	1,380.0	0.0	0	0	0
1108 Stat Desig		1,700.0										
<p>Increase the Health Care Medicaid Services, statutory designated program receipts (SDPR) budget from \$1,556.3 to \$3,256.3. This represents an increase of \$1,700.0. In FY2015, the division over collected it's authorized statutory designated program receipts budget by \$1,380.0 for total collections of \$2,936.2. This supplement increases authorization of \$1,380.0 for the over collections plus an additional increase of \$320.0 for Tribal Medicaid Administrative Claiming match receipts.</p> <p>The division collects statutory designated program receipts from Medicaid school based claims, Quality Assurance and Audit for Medicaid overpayment recoveries, and from Tribal Medicaid Administrative Claiming. The division has an authorized budget of \$1,556.3 to collect statutory designated program receipts. However, it is not sufficient to meet program needs. The increase to statutory designated program receipts is due to over collections of the authorized budget and the need for increased authorization to accommodate the collection of Tribal Medicaid Administrative Claiming match receipts.</p> <p>Increasing the authorized budget is needed now because the division is reasonably certain that it will over collect its FY2016 statutory program receipts budget by March of 2016. Without the increased authorization, the division cannot spend the additional receipts. In FY2015 the department transferred statutory designated program receipt authority from other Medicaid components to the Health Care Medicaid Services component. At this time, it is not possible to project whether those components will have excess authorization to transfer to Health Care Medicaid Services.</p> <p>There is no possibility to replace existing general funds since statutory designated program receipts must be collected before expenditures are made. Receipt collections could dramatically fluctuate with no guarantee of fixed collections.</p> <p>If this increase is not approved, the division will have no authority to expend over collected receipts. In addition, the division will not have sufficient authorization to collect and expend Tribal Medicaid Administrative Claiming match receipts.</p> <p>Additional funding will be needed in the next fiscal year. An increment has been submitted in the FY2017 Governor's budget for \$1,943.7. This increase will be used to cover the over collected receipts and the collection of receipts for Tribal Medicaid Administrative Claiming.</p>												
Component Totals		1,700.0	0.0	0.0	320.0	0.0	0.0	1,380.0	0.0	0	0	0