

# Trust Planning Committee

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**Alaska Mental Health  
Trust Authority**

# Established Focus Areas

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- Disability justice
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment
- Beneficiary employment and engagement
- Workforce development
- Housing and long-term services & supports

\*light blue: Focus areas that have social service configuration related to Medicaid as a primary strategy for successful systems change

# Current Priorities

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- Medicaid Expansion and Reform
- Recidivism
- Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment

# Medicaid Expansion

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Expansion will impact thousands of Trust beneficiaries.

# Medicaid Expansion

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- Projections estimate 42,000 Alaskans will be eligible under expansion of the Medicaid program
- Alaskans between the ages of 19-64
  - with income under 138% of the Federal Poverty Level who are not already eligible for Medicare or Medicaid
  - Current limit: \$20,120 annual income for a single person; \$27,130 for a couple

# Medicaid Expansion

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- The new population eligible for coverage will include Trust beneficiaries with **chronic substance abuse and mental health issues**. As well as **homeless adults and incarcerated persons** for in-patient hospital settings.
- There will also be new beneficiaries identified in the covered population who have not sought treatment due to lack of health insurance coverage

# Medicaid Expansion

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How do we know there will be beneficiaries in the new coverage pool?

	Limits under expansion	Current limits
Federal Poverty level	138%	110%
Adults without dependent children	Eligible	Only with completed/ documented SSI procedure for disability

# Medicaid Expansion

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- Medicaid expansion and reform will result in offsets and savings of general funds.
  - Higher Federal Match rates for some components of reform
  - More effective use of grant programs to leverage federal match, i.e. General Relief



# Medicaid Expansion: Impact on DOC

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- In FY14, Alaska Department of Corrections processed approximately \$8.5 million in billings for inmate inpatient stays that lasted more than 24 hours.
- Under preliminary estimates of the impact of Medicaid expansion, an estimated **\$6.8-\$7.65 mil.** could be paid for by federal Medicaid using estimates of 80%-90% of the Corrections population being eligible.

Medicaid expansion is a  
catalyst for reform.



# Medicaid Reform: laying the foundation

Division and/or Trust partnership projects	SDS IDD/TBI	SDS Seniors / ADRD	BH Treatmnt/ rehab	BH/ Primary care inte-gration	Patient Centered Medical home	Health Care services and “medically fragile”
Expansion TA contract	X		X	X	X	X
1915i	X	X	X			
Community First Choice (1915k)	X	X				
Behavioral Health Permanent Supported Housing			X	X	X	X
Rate Setting/definition projects	X	X				
Acuity: differentiating levels of care in service settings	X	X	X		X	X
CMS Rule changes (Settings and Conflict Free Case Management)	X	X	X		X	X
Health Care Services: focus on top 100 users of Medicaid			X	X	X	X

# Thank You

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