



Proposed Revisions and Opportunity for Public Comment on the

Alaska State Plan for Senior Services, FY2016-2019 Funding Formula

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Alaska Commission on Aging &
Senior and Disabilities Services

“Aging is not *lost youth* but a new stage of opportunity and strength.” Betty Friedan

Agenda

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- Process Used to Modify the Funding Formula
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Modifying the Funding Formula



The Alaska State Plan for Senior Services Advisory Committee

Process Overview

- Alaska State Plan for Senior Services was approved in July 2015 and included a Transition Period
 - ▣ Phase-Out of Hold Harmless Provision in FY2017
- Alaska State Plan Advisory Committee Funding Formula Task Force convened to amend the funding formula as stated in the current Plan.
- Four Proposed Amendments
 - ▣ Modernize the definition of rural
 - ▣ Subdivide Department of Health and Social Services, Region V
 - ▣ Implement a “base funding allocation”
 - ▣ Revise weights for funding formula factors
- Working with Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner’s Office & Administration on Community Living
- 30-Day Public Comment ends at 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2016

Proposed Funding Formula Amendments



Amendment #1

Modernize the definition of “rural” to include a “remote” classification.

- New definition based on the classification system developed by the Office of Management and Budget for *Metropolitan, Micropolitan, and Neither* (http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/fedreg_2010/06282010_metro_standards-Complete)
- Applies the weight factor to Alaska’s census districts using the new urban-rural-remote classification:
 - **Urban districts** - Anchorage Municipality, Fairbanks North Star Borough, & Matanuska-Susitna Borough receive **zero value**.
 - **Rural districts** - City & Borough of Juneau, Ketchikan Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough receive **one-half of the assigned value**.
 - **Remote districts:** All other census districts in Alaska are designated as remote and receive the **full assigned value**.
- Cost-of-living factor removed.

Amendment #2

Subdivide Alaska's Region V into two subsets to include the Matanuska-Susitna as Region V(a) and Kenai/Valdez/Cordova as Region V(b) because:

- Mat-Su is distinct from the Kenai/Valdez/Cordova census districts with respect to industry, distance from urban areas, and population size and;
- Based on population size, the Mat-Su is now classified "urban" while Kenai is considered "rural." Valdez and Cordova are considered "remote."

Amendment #3

Implement a base funding allocation using federal Older Americans Act funds appropriated for Alaska to replace the hold harmless provision.

- Provides a funding formula that is responsive to shifts in regional population growth while acknowledging the need for stable operational base funding.
- All State General Funds will be distributed using the amended funding formula.
- Federal Older American Act funds will comprise the “regional base funding.”

Amendment #4

Adjustment of weights for the funding formula factors

Weight Factor	Funding Formula FY2016	Amended for FY2017-2019
Total Senior Population	17%	12.5%
Minority Factor	21%	12.5%
Poverty Factor	23%	27.5%
Frail Factor	16%	25%
Rural Factor	23%	22.5%

Impacts on Regional Funding Distribution

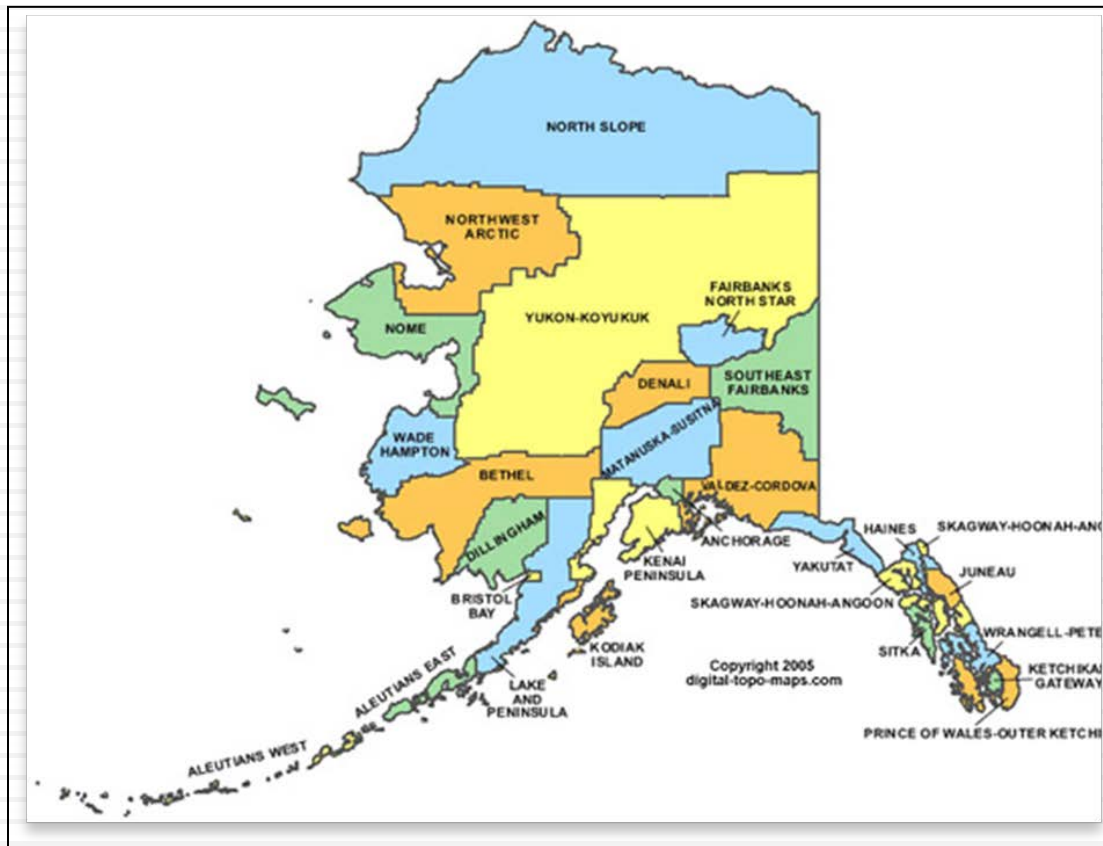


Weighting Factor→	12.5	25	12.5	27.5	22.5	0 - 11.25 - 22.5		FY2017- FY2019 Regional Distribution	NTS Base Funding Amount (FY2016)	Remaining Funds FY2017- 2019 Regional Distribution	Base Funding + FY2017-2019 Regional Distribution
Census Areas ↓	60+ 2014	80+ 2014	Minority 2014	65+ 175% of Poverty 2014	Rural	Urban * Rural ** Remote****					
Bethel	1,937	211	1,630	564	1,937	1937***					
Kusilvak	698	80	654	244	698	698***					
1 Total	2,635	291	2,284	808	2,635	2,635	4.86%	\$194,794	\$112,984	\$307,778	
Fairbanks NSB,	14,135	1,445	2,065	870	14,135	0*					
SE Fairbanks	1,294	125	215	200	1,294	1294***					
Denali	369	24	53	14	369	369***					
Yukon-Koyukuk	1,055	153	1,768	270	1,055	1055***					
2 Total	16,853	1,747	3,046	1,354	16,853	2,718	12.64%	\$552,932	\$293,852	\$846,784	
3 North Slope Borough	1,001	65	632	38	1,001	1001***	1.48%	\$71,612	\$34,407	\$106,019	
4 Muni of Anchorage	43,727	5,226	10,266	4,231	43,727	0*	29.83%	\$1,082,428	\$693,482	\$1,775,910	
Kenai Peninsula	12,827	1,404	1,094	1,151	12,827	6413.5**					
Valdez/Cordova	1,693	128	361	175	1,693	1693***					
5a Total	14,520	1,532	1,455	1,326	14,520	7,260	14.16%	\$564,651	\$329,189	\$893,840	
5b Mat-Su	15,659	1,648	1,388	1,524	15,659	0*	9.58%	\$447,901	\$222,714	\$670,615	
Aleutians East,	401	28	301	32	401	401***					
Aleutians West	765	29	482	33	765	765***					
6 Total	1,166	57	783	65	1,166	1,166	1.74%	\$40,363	\$40,451	\$80,814	
Bristol Bay	174	15	84	10	174	174***					
Dillingham,	684	74	499	129	684	684***					
Kodiak	1,951	168	824	224	1,951	1951***					
Lake & Peninsula	239	28	170	44	239	239***					
7 Total	3,048	285	1,577	407	3,048	3,048	4.68%	\$325,944	\$108,800	\$434,744	
Nome,	1,177	113	845	250	1,177	1177***					
Northwest Arctic	819	120	676	191	819	819***					
8 Total	1,996	233	1,521	441	1,996	1,996	3.46%	\$177,077	\$80,437	\$257,514	
Prince of Wales	1,274	97	573	222	1,274	1274***					
Sitka	1,833	293	489	115	1,833	1833***					
Skagway	217	14	16	8	217	217***					
Haines	709	96	105	88	709	709***					
Hoonah/Angoon	601	41	248	89	601	601***					
Juneau	5,711	572	1,163	346	5,711	2855.5**					
Ketchikan	2,778	349	676	284	2,778	1389**					
Petersburg	743	86	85	86	743	743***					
Wrangell	657	80	135	92	657	657***					
Yakutat	152	20	239	16	152	152***					
9 Total	14,675	1,648	3,729	1,346	14,675	10,431	17.57%	\$645,377	\$408,464	\$1,053,841	
							100.00%	\$4,103,079	\$ 2,324,782	\$ 6,427,861	
10 Statewide						0	5.74%	\$237,049	\$141,569	\$378,618	
Total	115,280	12,732	26,681	11,540	115,280	30,255		\$4,340,128	\$2,466,351	\$ 6,806,479	

Next Steps



Questions? Public Comments



Thank You.

Please submit written comments by
5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2016:

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