

Alaska Division of Senior and Disabilities Services



State Agency Mission

The mission of the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) is to promote health, well-being, and safety for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and vulnerable adults by facilitating access to quality services and supports that foster independence, personal choice, and dignity.

Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities**
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities**
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries**
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
- Children with Complex Medical Conditions**
- Infant Learning Program**

Organizational Structure

The director is hired by a higher ranking official, but serves at convenience of the Governor, and oversees a staff of 182 FTE.

Local Network

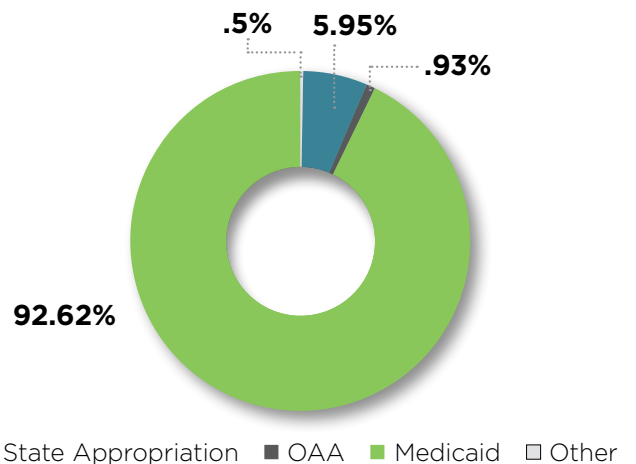
- 39** Tribal Organizations
- 5** Independent Living Centers

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

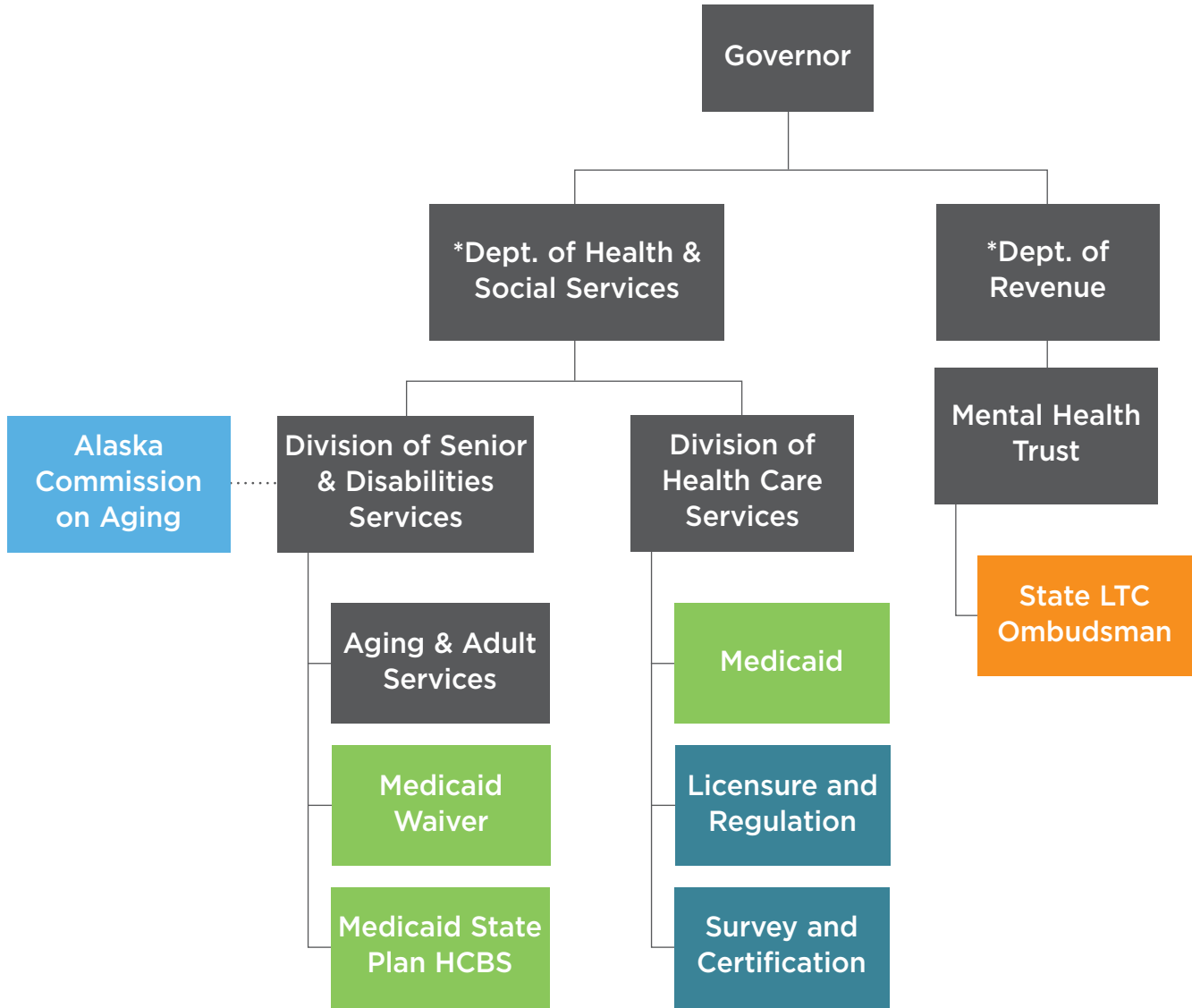
- 1.** Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
- 2.** Health and Welfare of LTSS Participants
- 3.** COVID-related Closures of Providers
- 4.** Adult Protective Services
- 5.** Senior Hunger

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$620,792,400



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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of Alaska’s Division of Senior and Disabilities Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	✓
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	✓
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	✓
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	✓
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	✓
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASSR	✓
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	✓

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	
Certify Assisted Living providers	

Key State Initiative

The Alaska Division of Senior and Disabilities Services is developing amendments to regulations, its 1915(c) waivers, and the Medicaid State Plan that transitions the waiver service of Chore into the Community First Choice-Personal Care Services Program, which will bring in an additional 6 percent in federal match for that service under CFC. The planned effective date for this transition is January 1, 2021.

