



Alaska Department of Health and Social Services



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Our mission:

To promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans.

Our vision:

Alaskan individuals, families and communities are safe and healthy.

Our service philosophy:

Deliver the right care to the right person at the right time for the right price.

Priorities

- Health and wellness across the lifespan.
- Health care access, delivery and value.
- Safe and responsible individuals, families and communities.





Health and wellness across the lifespan

- Protect and promote the health of Alaskans.
- Provide quality of life in a safe living environment for Alaskans.



Health care access, delivery and value

- Manage health care coverage for Alaskans in need.
- Facilitate access to affordable health care for Alaskans.



Safe and responsible individuals, families and communities

- Strengthen Alaska families – Work skills, affordable child care, warm homes, food and security.
- Protect vulnerable adults.
- Promote personal responsibility and accountable decisions by Alaskans.



Alaska Pioneer Homes

We provide quality assisted living in a safe home environment.



Behavioral Health

Partners promoting healthy communities



Office of Children's Services

Safe children, strong families



Juvenile Justice

We hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior; promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities; assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.



Health Care Services

To provide health coverage to Alaskans in need.



Public Assistance

We promote self-sufficiency and provide basic living expenses to Alaskans in need.



Public Health

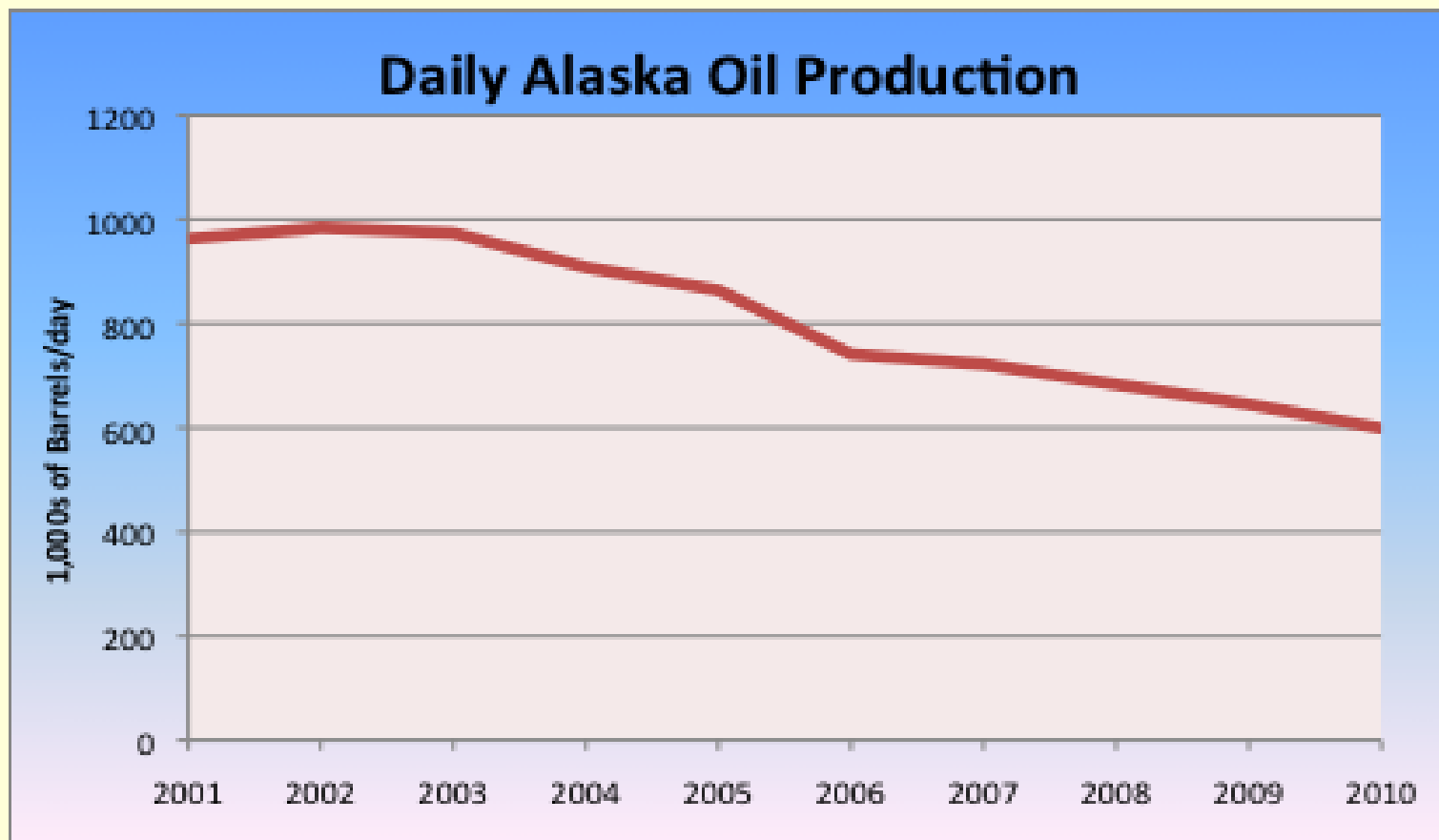
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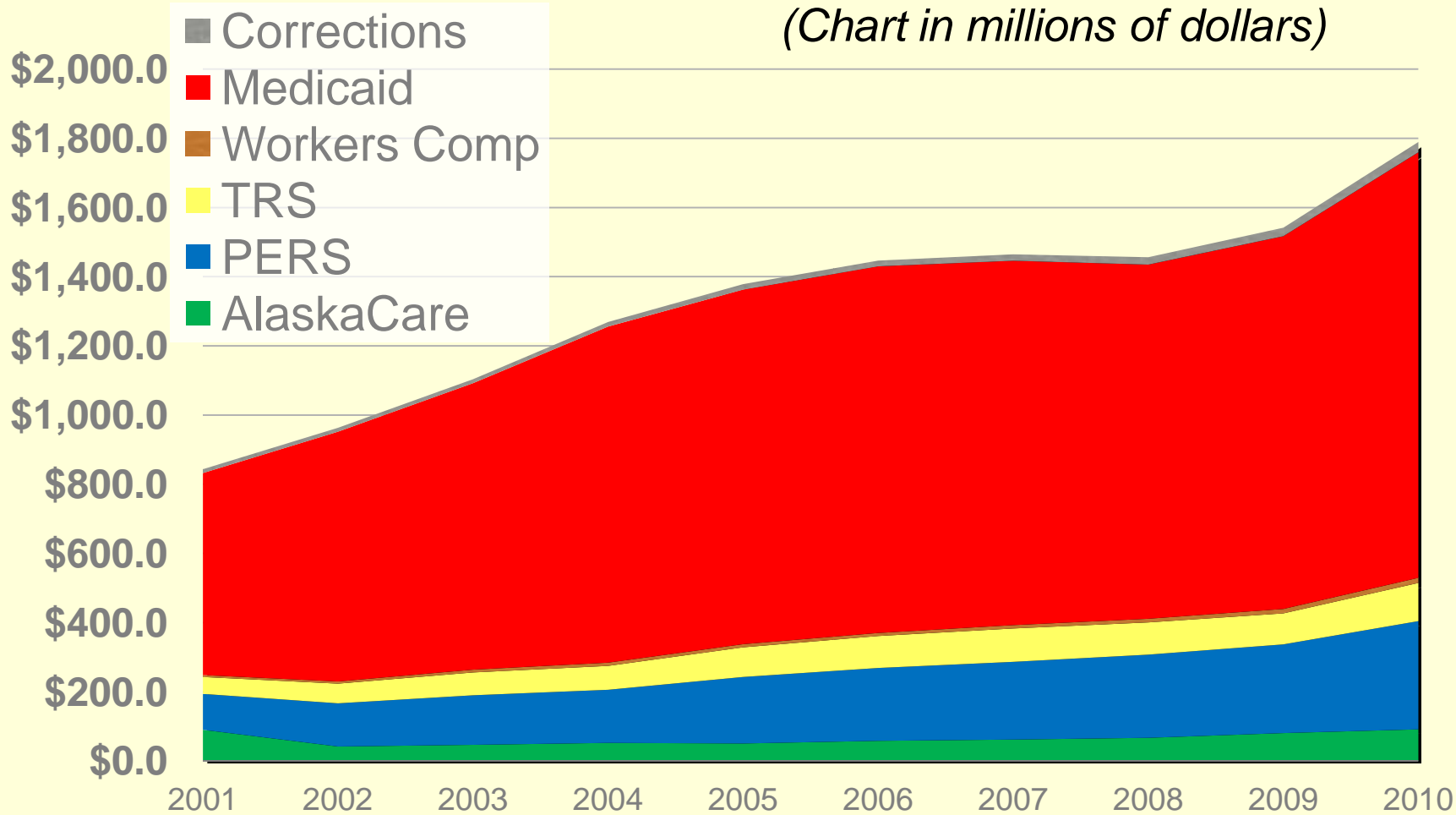


Senior and Disabilities Services

We 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.

Current/Future Challenges: Context







Alaska Medicaid today: Multiple pressures on system

- Enhanced funding ended
- Increasing enrollment, costs
- National debt



Alaska Medicaid today: Steps taken

- Regulation changes
(demolish silos)
- Waiver changes
- Pharmacy cost control
changes





Alaska Medicaid today: Steps underway

- Medical Home – primary, integrated care
- Complex Care Management
 - Focus on dual eligibles, highest risk patients
- Pharmacy initiatives
 - Several implemented, more possible



Alaska Medicaid today: Steps underway

- Fundamental redesign of eligibility system to accommodate major changes to:
 - Medicaid eligibility
 - Transition of enrollees between plans
 - Interface with Insurance Exchange





Modernization of MMIS & EIS

- New Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)
- New Eligibility Information System (EIS)



Update: ACA - Health Insurance Exchange

- Affordable Care Act implementation in general – new guidance issued by federal government weekly
- Alaska HIX Report by PCG on DHSS website
- Initial Enrollment Estimate = 77K Alaskans, \$6.7M Annually
- Governor's decision: Federal government will run this federal program



Update: ACA - Medicaid Expansion

- Alaska undecided. Many questions remain.
- Lewin Group report due out later this winter.



Private sector partners

- How do health care providers and payers and employers fit into this puzzle?

Shared challenges

- Accessibility squeeze?
- End-of-life care
- Sustainability





Care-improvement/cost-control strategies

Example: State of Alaska

- Robust employee wellness program
- Develop a comprehensive health management strategy
- Leverage purchasing power
- Align contracting strategies around innovative care delivery models
- Expand travel benefits or Centers of Excellence for certain services?



Alaska health care tomorrow

- Trend of patient engagement
- Opportunity for leadership

Thank you!

