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Medicaid claims system upgrades technology

The Department of Health and Social Services signed a contract in September 2007 with Affiliated Computer Services to replace the state's Medicaid claims system. Each year, the electronic system pays more than \$1 billion to providers who offer care and services to more than 100,000 Alaskans receiving Medicaid and other government medical assistance.

The state selected Affiliated Computer Services following a competitive bidding process. The Texas based company submitted the proposal with the lowest cost and the best technological improvements. Including vendor and technical assistance contractor expenses, the new Medicaid claims system, commonly called the Medicaid Management Information System, will cost about \$45 million to develop during the next 32 months. Federal money typically pays 90 percent of these developmental costs. The new system should be ready for use in summer 2010.

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