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Dear Tribal Health Leader,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), in keeping with DHSS' responsibility to conduct tribal consultation, I am writing to inform you of a revision to Alaska's Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services Settings.

The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) has revised its Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services Settings required by federal regulation at 42 CFR §441.301(c)(6), and is requesting comment from Tribal health leaders. This revised plan, revised on 02/10/2016, outlines the process the state and providers will undertake to comply with the mandate that all service settings exhibit home and community-based characteristics.

Please provide any written comments or questions regarding this Transition Plan within 30 days of the date of this letter to Policy Unit, Senior and Disabilities Services, PO Box 110680, Juneau, AK, 99811, or e-mail jetta.whittaker@alaska.gov. Please also feel free to call at (907) 465-1605, or if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss this Transition Plan, please make a request in writing within 15 days of receipt of this letter.

To locate the Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services Settings, please refer to the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services web page, at the "Public Notices" link.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Etheridge".

Deb Etheridge
Deputy Director
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