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Medical Care Advisory Committee seeks members

Openings for providers and consumers

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services is looking for volunteers to serve on the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC).

Federal Medicaid requires that each state have a Medical Care Advisory Committee. The MCAC is the primary advisory body to the Department of Health and Social Services with the goal of improving and maintaining the quality of Alaska's Medical Assistance program.

Members serve three-year terms with eligibility for reappointment, and they are chosen for their demonstrated interest in the community and the Medicaid program.

The 13-member committee holds three two-day face-to-face meetings a year in various regions of the state, and two two-hour teleconference meetings. The two-day meetings are held on Friday-Saturday and may require air travel. All travel expenses including air fare, hotel, ground transportation, and meals are paid for by the State of Alaska.

The MCAC should include members with good technical knowledge of the department programs and an understanding of the governmental process involved.

Committee members represent Medicaid providers and consumers. Currently the committee needs two provider members and three consumer members. Provider members can be physicians or hospital-nursing home administrators. Consumer members can be a Medicaid recipient, a non-governmental social services agency representative or a private, non-recipient citizen.

Alaskans interested in applying for committee membership should send a statement of interest to mcacwebsites@alaska.gov.

More information on the Medical Care Advisory Committee can be found at <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/MCAC/default.htm>.

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