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Public invited to Juneau meeting of the Medical Care Advisory Committee *Conference call line set up for those unable to attend*

JUNEAU — The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Department of Health and Social Services' Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) in Juneau on Friday, Feb. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The meeting takes place at the Baranof Westmark Hotel, Douglas Room, 127 North Franklin St., Juneau.

For those unable to attend the meeting in person, a conference call line has been set up: 1-800-315-6338, access code 8868#. Those unable to attend in person may listen in both days via the conference line, which will be opened for public comment from 3:15 to 5 p.m., Friday.

The Medical Care Advisory Committee is a public advisory group charged with advising the state's Medicaid agency on Medicaid policy and program changes.

Section 1902 (a) (4) of the federal Social Security Act (Title XIX) requires that each state establish a Medical Care Advisory Committee to advise the Medicaid agency in order to obtain federal matching funds for the Medicaid program.

The MCAC members — representing Alaska providers, consumer advocates and state administrators — meet quarterly via teleconference or face-to-face. The face-to-face meetings are held in communities so members may gain insight into community specific issues.

For more information on the MCAC and a list of its members, go to:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/mcac>.

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