



October 5, 2016

Notice of Proposed Regulation Change:

The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes is proposing a change to regulation 7 AAC 74.025, which sets Rates for residents at the Alaska Pioneer Homes. These rate changes will not occur until at least 60 days after the date of this notice. The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes is requesting that the rates charged for each level of service be increased by 1.5% due to the increased cost of providing care to elder Alaskans.

The proposed new rates are as follows:

Level I: \$2,588.00

Level II: \$4,692.00

Level III: \$6,795.00

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes Re: Rate Change at PO Box 110690 Juneau, AK 99811. Additionally, the Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-4108 and by electronic mail at alaskapioneerhomes@alaska.gov Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. The comments must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. on December 13, 2016.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on November 10, 2016 telephonically. The hearing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 10:00 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. Those parties who would like to submit verbal comments at the hearing must be present by 10:00 a.m. and sign up prior to 10am via (1) the Pioneer Home they participating at or (2) via email to alaskapioneerhomes@alaska.gov if choosing to participate from a non-Pioneer Home location. To participate in the public hearing, please, go to one of the six Pioneer Homes or call 1-800-315-6338 and then enter the access code of 54784 when prompted.

<p>Anchorage Pioneer Home 923 W 11th Ave Anchorage, AK 99501-4306</p>	<p>Ketchikan Pioneer Home 141 Bryant St Ketchikan, AK 99901-5534</p>
<p>Fairbanks Pioneer Home 2221 Eagan Ave Fairbanks, AK 99701-5709</p>	<p>Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home 250 E Fireweed Ave Palmer, AK 99645-6638</p>

Juneau Pioneer Home 4675 Glacier Hwy Juneau, AK 99801-9518	Sitka Pioneer Home 120 Katlian St Sitka, AK 99835-7525
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You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Alaska Pioneer Homes Re: Rate Change at alaskapioneerhomes@alaska.gov or Alaska Pioneer Homes Re: Rate Change, PO Box 110690 Juneau, AK 99811. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available on <http://dhss.alaska.gov/daph/Pages/default.aspx> and the Alaska Online Public Notice System. The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Michael Frawley at (907) 465-1870 no later than November 1, 2016 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alaska Pioneer Homes Re: Rate Change at PO Box 110690 Juneau, AK 99811 and (907) 465-4416. After the public comment period ends, the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

Sincerely,



Vickie Wilson

Director