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The Department of Health & Social Services adopts new regulations, effective August 30, 2019.

In April the Department of Health & Social Services proposed changes to regulations in 7 AAC 74 that included changes to the rates charged to residents and levels of service provided at Alaska Pioneer Homes. After careful review it is the decision of Department of Health and Social Services that rates will be increased to match the cost of providing services and the Pioneer Homes will implement a five level of service model as described in the new regulations at 7 AAC 74.010.

The level of service and rates are as follows:

Level I: \$3,623.00

Level II: \$6,569.00

Level III: \$11,185.00

Level IV: \$13,333.00

Level V: \$15,000.00

The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes offers assistance to residents who are unable to pay the full monthly charges incurred while living within a Pioneer Home through the Payment Assistance Program. The Administrator and Social Worker in each home will work with residents as we make this transition.

The definitions for the new levels of service are as follows:

**Level I services** include housing, meals, emergency assistance, opportunities for recreation, and required transportation for recreation;

**Level II services** include level I services, medication management, and assistance with up to two activities of daily living; for assistance with activities of daily living, the resident performs the majority of the effort; during the night shift, the resident is independent in performing activities of daily living and capable of self-supervision;

**Level III services** are services where the resident provides the majority of the effort for assistance with activities of daily living; during the night shift, the resident is generally independent, with occasional assistance with activities of daily living, limited to an average of two times per week. The level III services include level I services, medication management, and any one of the following:

(A) assistance with up to four activities of daily living;

(B) level II and behavior management, excluding complex behaviors; or

(C) level II and nursing services as described in AS 47.33.020;

**Level IV services** are services in which assistance provided by a staff member includes hands-on assistance, with the staff member performing the majority of the effort; services will be provided 24 hours a day. The

level IV services include level I services, assistance with five or more activities of daily living, medication management, and one of the following:

- (A) behavior management, excluding complex behaviors; or
- (B) nursing services as described in AS 47.33.020;

**Level V services** include all services that exceed level IV services.

Sincerely,



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Director