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Dear Tribal Health Leader:

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), I am writing to inform you of a proposed future Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA), in keeping with DHSS's responsibility to conduct tribal consultation.

Fee Schedule Changes: DHSS is been required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to include the effect dates of fee schedules used for payment of some Medicaid services in the Medicaid State Plan. DHSS intends to update the state plan to reflect new effective dates of fee schedules or rate charts for:

Physician effective date of 7/1/2013

Dental effective date of 7/1/2013

ANP/NMW (advanced nurse practitioner/nurse midwife) effective date of 7/1/13

SBS (school based services) effective date of 7/1/13

Vision: effective date of 7/1/13

Therapy Services: effective date of 7/1/13

Laboratory: effective date of 7/1/13

Family Planning: effective date of 7/1/13

Hearing Services: effective date of 7/1/13

EPSDT: effective date of 7/1/13

Ambulatory Surgery Center: effective date of 7/1/13

Direct Entry Midwife: effective date of 7/1/13

Podiatry: effective date of 7/1/13

These updates can all be found at: <http://medicaidalaska.com/providers/FeeSchedule.asp>

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These updates do not reflect changes in reimbursement methodology for services; the updates reflect when the existing methodology as provided for in state regulation includes a periodic adjustment of the fee schedule. If DHSS proposes to change a reimbursement methodology, separate consultation will be conducted. DHSS does not anticipate a significant impact on Alaska Natives and American Indians, tribal health providers, or the IHS other than the impact of the periodic fee schedule adjustment as provided by existing regulation. However, because this amendment would involve amending the reimbursement section of the Medicaid State Plan for services that Alaska Natives and American Indians Medicaid recipients receive, and some tribal providers may provide these services, we are providing the opportunity for consultation.

Please provide any written comments or questions regarding the proposed Fee Schedule Update SPA within 30 days of the date of this letter to Gennifer Mroeau, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 4501 Business Park Blvd, Bldg L, Anchorage, Alaska 9503-7167, or gennifer.moreau@alaska.gov. Please also feel free to call if you would like to arrange a meeting or discuss these upcoming State Plan Amendments.

Sincerely,



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