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Dear DHSS Grantees,

As many of you are aware, in July 2015 the State of Alaska replaced AKSAS, its 30+ year old accounting system with the Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS). As you can imagine, the transition has been challenging and there are many unknowns still ahead as we move toward closing out our first fiscal year.

Furthermore, with the current financial situation facing the State of Alaska and the state operating budget not yet finalized, we are anticipating potential delays up to 30 days, in first quarter grant payments.

Please be assured the Grants and Contracts team will work diligently to process payments as timely as possible. Thank you, in advance, for your patience and understanding.

Please contact Darla Madden at 907-465-1624, or via email at Darla.Madden@alaska.gov or Amy Burke at 907-465-3469, or via email at Amy.Burke@alaska.gov with any questions or concerns. Thank you for providing vital services to the people of the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sana Efird".

Sana Efird
Assistant Commissioner

cc: Darla Madden, Chief, Grants and Contracts
Amy Burke, Acting Grants Manager