

## **Barrow Provider Forums: Themes and Issues Raised**

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### **1 - Service Providers for Seniors**

Most people on the North Slope do not want to be in a nursing home or assisted living; they prefer to be at home. (2x)

Lack of home-based caregiver services in Barrow. The choices are to stay home with family support, the Assisted Living Home (but there are few beds and a long wait list), or go to Anchorage. (2x)

### **2 - Provider Forum: Samuel Simmons Memorial Hospital, Lunch and Learn**

The time it takes to get someone on General Relief; sometimes it will take 30 days to get qualified for GR and discharge to an ALS. For 30 days they sit in the hospital. Our hospitals are full of people that don't belong there." (1x with concurrence.)