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Dear Provider,

With the success of the *ADRC First* project, SDS is excited to implement “Phase II” beginning **October 1st, 2016**. Phase II will expand on the pre-screening process being completed by the Kenai Peninsula Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to further streamline the process for individuals by assisting with completion and submission of all new Adults Living Independently (ALI) waiver applications. Individuals choosing to apply for Personal Care Assistance (PCA) services will still be given the option to have a PCA agency assist them with their application as well as access to other available community resources.

About Phase I

After completing the pre-screening, ADRC staff strive work with applicants to identify all available services that best meet each individual’s home and community-based service needs. Individuals who receive information about PCA or Medicaid waiver services also become aware of other more immediate resources, like natural supports, community supports and available grant-funded services. This helps people consider all possible options, and make informed decisions about services that best meet their needs. Since beginning on Jan 1 2014, the *ADRC First* pilot project has successfully pre-screened 447 individuals seeking information and services, offering over 2000 different options.

During Phase I of the *ADRC First* pilot project, the initial pre-screen process has

- reduced by 35% Medicaid waiver applications because other, more appropriate service options were identified;
- increased by 24% the rate of successful PCA eligibility assessments;
- helped 56 people receive information regarding behavioral health and substance abuse services they needed to access treatment.

Introducing Phase II

With the success of Phase I of the *ADRC First* pilot project, SDS is excited to implement ‘Phase II’.

Beginning **October 1, 2015** the Kenai ADRC will

- continue to pre-screen all individuals seeking home and community-based services;
- assist with submission of applications to SDS for the ALI waivers, using the approved SDS application form and following SDS requirements;
- when appropriate, offer assistance in choosing a PCA agency.

In addition to streamlining the screening and application process, this change supports the federal and State goal of offering a conflict-free single point of entry for people seeking services.

Enclosed you will find more information about Alaska's ADRC's and FAQ's about the pilot project. More information can also be found on the [SDS ADRC website](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/adrc/ADRCfirst.aspx).
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