

## **HB96 “Pioneers’ Home and Veterans’ Home Rates” Becomes Law**

On April 29, 2020, Governor Dunleavy signed into law House Bill 96 “Pioneers’ Home and Veterans’ Home Rate.” In summary, Pioneer Home rates are now set by law at a decreased monthly rate for each level of care, along with amending several other elements of the division’s operational framework. The amendments are as follows:

- Pioneer Home monthly rates are set in state law (not in Department of Health & Social Services’ regulation) at the following prices:
  - Level I - \$2,976
  - Level II - \$5,396
  - Level III - \$7,814
  - Level IV - \$9,333
  - Level V – rate determined by the department that sufficiently compensates the state for the care and support of these residents
- Resident’s income threshold is increased to \$300 per month.
- Payment assistance income threshold is increased to \$300 per month.
- The minimum age for waitlist eligibility is lowered to 60 years old.

Implementation of HB96 changes will go into effect **July 1, 2020**.

The Alaska Pioneer Home website and applicable publications will be updated to reflect the above changes upon the July 1, 2020 effective date.

For full text of HB96: <http://www.akleg.gov/PDF/31/Bills/HB0096Z.PDF>

