

Department of Family and Community Services

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Dear Alaska Pioneer Home Residents & Responsible Parties,

In April 2020, Governor Dunleavy signed House Bill 96 into law. House Bill 96 requires the Department of Family and Community Services to update regulation 7 AAC 74 to include set rates with an annual increase equivalent to the Social Security Cost of Living increase.

Effective January 1, 2024 The Department of Family and Community Services monthly rates at Alaska Pioneer Homes will be increasing by 3.2%, the amount of this year's Social Security Cost of Living increase.

The level of service rates effective January 1st are as follows:

Level I: \$3,569.00 Level II: \$6,493.00 Level III: \$9,403.00 Level IV: \$11,231.00 Level V: \$16,827.00

Payment Assistance Rates are based on resident's income. Any change in monthly payment will be determined with completion of the Payment Assistance Renewal Application that will be mailed to residents receiving Payment Assistance on December 15th. Please remember to save any financial documents you receive so they will be available to submit with the Payment Assistance Renewal Application.

Medicaid Waiver residents Cost of Care is determined by Medicaid. Residents receiving Medicaid Waiver will continue to pay monthly Room and Board of \$579 along with the Cost of Care amount determined by Medicaid.

The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes offers assistance to residents who are unable to pay the full monthly charges incurred while living within a Pioneer Home through the Payment Assistance Program. Please contact the division for further information on this program.

Sincerely,

James Farley

Administrative Operations Manager