

## Department of Health and Social Services

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Director's Office

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Dear Tribal Health Leader,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), in keeping with DHSS's responsibility to conduct tribal consultation, I am writing to inform you of a proposed future amendment to Alaska's waivers to provide home and community based services under 1915(c).

Senior and Disabilities Services proposes to amend the state's four Medicaid waivers to modify selected performance measures. These performance measures collect data as evidence of the State's compliance with federal assurances. These modifications will allow the state to collect more relevant data, and bring the performance measures into concurrence with programmatic changes to the waivers. The selected performance measures ensure that waiver enrollees meet the appropriate level of care, that recipient Plans of Care are adequate and meet assessed need, that service providers are qualified and that necessary safeguards have been taken to protect recipients' health, safety and welfare.

Please provide any written comments or questions regarding this possible amendment within 30 days if the date of this letter to Gennifer Moreau, if you would like to arrange a meeting or discuss this possible amendment please provide a written request within 15 days, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 4501 Business park Blvd., Building L, Anchorage, AK 99503 or gennifer.moreau@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

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