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Dear Alaskans and Agency Partners,

I am proud to share that Governor Dunleavy's Executive Order 121 (EO 121) to restructure the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) into two departments has become law, official as of March 19, 2022. The services previously provided by DHSS will be separated and offered in two newly named departments, effective July 1, 2022.

- Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) consisting of:
 - Office of Children's Services (OCS)
 - Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
 - Alaska Pioneer Homes (AKPH)
 - Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API)
- Department of Health (DOH) consisting of:
 - Division of Public Assistance (DPA)
 - Division of Public Health (DPH)
 - Division of Behavioral Health (DBH)
 - Division of Health Care Services (HCS)
 - Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS)

The services and programs provided by our current department will not change. The divisions and their programs will just be housed in two new departments, with separate commissioners.

We want to make clear that no action is needed on your part and nothing will change immediately. This is an informative email to make you aware this reorganization is moving forward and to share information found at reorg.dhss.alaska.gov, our department webpage for the reorganization. At this link, you will find [FAQs](#), [documents and resources](#) and an [implementation plan](#).

Communication will continue over the next couple months on this transition – from myself, my leadership team and through your usual department contacts.

Thank you for your ongoing participation as we set these two departments up for success, and then begin our work to redesign our systems of care, together. If you have questions about the reorganization, please email dhssreorg@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Adam Crum, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services