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Dear Tribal Health Leaders

On behalf of the Department of Health (the department) and in keeping with the responsibility to conduct tribal consultation, I am writing to inform you of a **disaster relief** Medicaid state plan amendment.

Purpose and content of the proposed amendment:

The purpose of the proposed SPA is to update the effective date to 7/1/2023 for the following fee schedules in state plan section 4.19-B. The changes are not reflective of rate methods or standards.

1. *Ambulatory Surgical Clinic Services*
 - a. The change reflects an annual inflationary adjustment of 3%.
 - b. This results in an estimated increase of costs for SFY2024 of \$142,000 for federal funds and \$61,000 for state funds.
2. *In-home Peritoneal Services*
 - a. The change reflects a rebasing rate adjustment.
 - b. This results in an estimated increase of costs for SFY2024 of \$50,000 for federal funds and \$40,000 for state funds.
3. *Physician Services*
 - a. The change reflects the updated Medicare rate and revised conversion factor.
 - b. This results in an estimated increase of costs for SFY2024 of \$12,070,000 for federal funds and \$4,930,000 for state funds.
4. *Licensed Behavior Analysts*
 - a. There are no rate adjustments.
5. *Substance Use Rehabilitation Services*
 - a. The change reflects an annual inflationary adjustment of 3.9%.
 - b. This results in an estimated increase in costs for SFY2024 of \$320,000 for federal funds and \$141,000 for state funds.
6. *Personal Care Services*
 - a. The change reflects an annual inflationary adjustment of 7.9%
 - b. This results in an estimated increase of costs for SFY2024 of \$1,500,00 federal funds and \$730,000 state funds.

7. *Personal Care Services for Community First Choice Option*
 - a. The change reflects an annual inflationary adjustment of 7.9%
 - b. This results in an estimated increase of costs for SFY2024 of \$1,300,000 federal funds and \$680,000 state funds.

8. *Chore Services for Community First Choice Option*
 - a. The change reflects an annual inflationary adjustment of 7.9%
 - b. This results in an estimated increase of costs for SFY2024 of \$110,000 federal funds and \$53,000 state funds.

9. *Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Targeted Case Management*
 - a. The change reflects an annual inflationary adjustment of 7.9%
 - b. This results in an estimated increase of costs for SFY2024 of \$184,000 federal funds and \$88,000 state funds.

Anticipated impact on Medicaid-eligible Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiaries:

The department anticipates the proposed changes to the reimbursement rates will positively impact Alaska Native and Native American beneficiaries. The increased payment rates will assist providers and ensure access to care.

Anticipated impact on tribal health programs and the Indian Health Service:

The department anticipates the proposed changes to the reimbursement rates will assist tribal health programs, or the Indian Health Services to provide these services to Medicaid beneficiaries and ensure access to care.

Mechanism and timeline for comment:

Written comments or questions regarding the proposed amendment are due no later than August 28, 2023, by 5:00 PM. If seeking an in-person meeting to discuss the proposed changes, please provide a written request within 15 days of the date of this letter. Please direct all written correspondence to Emily Beaulieu, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 3601 C Street, Suite 902, Anchorage, AK 99503, or emily.beaulieu@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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