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October 13, 2023

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 proposed future Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA).

**Purpose and content of the proposed amendment:**

The department intends the proposed state plan amendment to update attached sheet to attachment 3.1-A of the Alaska Medicaid State Plan and the Alternate Benefit Plan to reflect the addition non-routine Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccinations and administration for adults as a covered benefit, without cost sharing, effective October 1, 2023.

This proposed SPA complies with the federal statutory amendments to (1905(a)(13)(B) of the Social Security Act), by section 11405 of the Inflation Reduction Act.

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

The department anticipates the addition of this service will increase access to appropriate and timely ACIP recommended vaccinations for all Medicaid eligible Alaskan adults, including American Indian and Alaska Native beneficiaries.

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

Tribal health programs may experience some benefit through decreased high-cost health services due to an increase of preventive measures available by the increased access to ACIP recommended vaccinations for adults.

**Mechanism and timeline for comment**

Written comments or questions regarding the proposed amendment are due no later than the close of business, November 13, 2023. If seeking an in-person meeting regarding 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, 3601 C Street, Suite 902, Anchorage, AK 99503, or [emily.beaulieu@alaska.gov](mailto:emily.beaulieu@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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