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Dear Tribal Health Leader,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), I am writing to inform you of a proposed future Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA), in keeping with DHSS's responsibility to conduct tribal consultation. This letter of consultation is being written in conjunction with public notice for regulation change.

Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Supplies (DMEPOS): Proposed amendment will result in conforming program rules to adopt Medicare fee schedule annually. The impact of the proposed revisions to the reimbursement rate for individual DMEPOS code will vary by code. Some of the other changes include: revising enrollment requirements and payment coverage for covered items and services, amending the list of non-covered items and services, transitioning to a capped rental system, further defining prior authorization requirements.

Please provide any written comments or questions regarding this State Plan Amendment within 30 days of the date of this letter to Gennifer Moreau, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 4501 Business Park Blvd, Bldg L, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 or gennifer.moreau@alaska.gov. Please also feel free to call at (907) 334 – 2653, or if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss this upcoming State Plan Amendment please make a request in writing within 15 days of receipt of this letter.

Comments provided in response to this consultation letter will be considered comments for the purpose of consultation, and not be taken as comment to the proposed regulations. Comments to the proposed regulations cannot be considered as comments to the consultation. If you wish to comment on both the consultation and the proposed regulations, you must do so separately. To locate the proposed changes to regulations, please refer to the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services web page, at the "Public Notices" link.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gennifer Moreau".

Gennifer Moreau
Medicaid State Plan Coordinator