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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' responsibility to conduct tribal consultation.

**Medicaid Eligibility Marriage Policy:** The state proposes to submit an amendment assuring that the state recognizes same-sex couples as spouses, if they are legally married. Because same-sex couples who are lawfully married are recognized for federal tax purposes, and eligibility for Medicaid is determined on the basis of Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) rules for MAGI populations, the state is filing this SPA to clarify the marriage policy for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.

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., Suite 24, Building L, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503. 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.

Sincerely,

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

Gennifer Moreau,  
Medicaid State Plan Coordinator

Cc:

Jon Sherwood, Deputy Commissioner Department of Health and Social Services  
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