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Dear Tribal Leader,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), in keeping with the responsibility to conduct tribal consultation, this letter serves as an invitation for tribal comment on a proposed Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA).

Tribal Consultation Requirements - The proposed state plan amendment intends to update the tribal consultation requirements described in section 1.4 of the Alaska Medicaid state plan per discussion in the state/tribal workgroup, as follows:

- the addition of an expedited consultation timeframe with corresponding parameters;
- the addition of a reference to 42 § CFR 431.408(b);
- clarification regarding the events triggering tribal consultation to ensure the inclusion of applications, changes, and extensions of waivers and demonstration projects; and
- the reinforcement of existing language regarding the process and timeline for communication among the state, Alaska Native and American Indian Medicaid beneficiaries, tribal health organizations, and Indian Health Services.

Written comments or questions regarding the proposed state plan amendment are due on May 22, 2019, by 4:30 PM. If you would like to request an in-person or telephonic meeting regarding the proposed amendment, please provide a written request within 15-days of the date on this letter.

Please direct all written correspondence to Courtney O' Byrne King, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services – Division of Health Care Services, 4501 Business Park Boulevard, Building L. Anchorage, AK 99503, or courtney.king@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney O'Byrne King".

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