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Dear Tribal Health Leaders

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (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 state intends, with the proposed state plan revisions, to align the Medicaid state plan authority with its regulatory authority for organ transplants by revising the Inpatient Hospital Benefit to add coverage of heart transplants for adults, and lung and heart & lung transplants for adults and individuals under 21 years of age.

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

The state does not anticipate that this SPA will have any impact on Medicaid-eligible Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiaries as it reflects the policy in use by the department since 2008.

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

The state does not anticipate this SPA will have any impact on tribal health or IHS programs as it reflects the policy in use by the department since 2008.

Mechanism and timeline for comment

Written comments or questions regarding the proposed amendment are due no later than October 2, 2020, 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 Courtney O'Byrne King, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 3601 C Street, Suite 902, Anchorage, AK 99503, or courtney.king@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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