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RE: Decision to extend Medicaid coverage to Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services via telemedicine, except for initial assessments

Dear Ms. King,

ANHB was established in 1968 with the purpose of promoting the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and cultural well-being and pride of Alaska Native people. ANHB is the statewide voice on Alaska Native health issues and is the advocacy organization for the Alaska Tribal Health System (ATHS), which is comprised of tribal health programs that serve all of the 229 tribes and over 158,000 Alaska Natives and American Indians throughout the state.

ANHB is in receipt of the Southcentral Foundation (SCF) letter dated this day, October 27, 2017 regarding the extension of Medicaid coverage to Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). ANHB concurs with SCF's comments in support of the decision to allow ABA services via telemedicine, except for initial assessments and to modify the draft State Plan Amendment (SPA) in the three respects expressed in the SCF letter.

Sincerely,

Verné Boerner  
President and CEO

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