

State of Alaska Responses to Comments Received During Tribal Consultation on Proposed Laboratory and Radiology Services State Plan Amendment

Number	Source	Comment	State Response
1	ANHB	We are supportive of these provisions for all non-physician practitioners, including Community Health Aide Practitioners (CHAPS), acting within their scope of practice, to order laboratory and radiology services. As you know, non-physician practitioners are an important link in the delivery of care in the Alaska Tribal Health System and in the larger Alaska health care system.	The Department appreciates the expressed support of the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) as it moves forward with this revision to the Medicaid State Plan.
2	ANHB	Allowing licensed non-physician practitioners to order laboratory and radiological services, acting within their scope of practice, enhances the effective delivery of care at all times, and not only during a global pandemic.	The Department concurs with ANHBs assessment of the context and importance of this amendment.
3	ANHB	We thank the Department for this important proposed provision to assure the delivery of care in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.	As always, the Department appreciates the collaborative relationship with the Alaska Tribal Health System.