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Dear Alaskan resident,

The pandemic has had many impacts on all Alaskans. Many individuals had to work from their homes and had children home from school. This has increased the usage of energy during a time of increased pressure on family budgets. The State was awarded funds through the American Rescue Plan Act to assist families facing these challenges.

Recent increases in energy costs through rising commodity prices threaten to push strains on budgets even further. Based on these factors the Division will be issuing supplemental benefits to households to offset these trends. If your household received a **Heating Assistance** award from the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 you will be eligible for a supplemental payment. You do not need to file an additional application to receive the supplemental payment.

Payments will be sent to the energy vendor that was used for your regular benefit award. Once received the energy vendors will credit your account and you will see the updated balance on a subsequent billing statement. We will continue to process eligibility determinations through September 2022 to provide this critical assistance. We also recommend you review our other assistance programs at <http://dpaweb.hss.state.ak.us/e-forms/pdf/DPA-01.pdf> that may also help with food security, medical insurance and cash benefits.

Sincerely,

*Shawnda O'Brien*

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