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Dear Alaskan resident,

The pandemic has had many impacts on all Alaskans. Economic relief for families struggling to meet the most basic needs is a priority for the Division. The Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) allows us to issue a non-recurring, short term benefit to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. The Division plans to issue a payment to each household who currently receives or received assistance in the past 12 months for Alaska Temporary Assistance Program. You do not need to submit any additional application or documentation to receive the benefit. We plan to issue the benefit starting **in May 2022**. This will be a one-time payment to provide immediate relief.

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 energy assistance.

Sincerely,

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