



**State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Senior and Disabilities Services
Home and Community -Based Services**

Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities • Alaskans Living Independently
Children with Complex Medical Conditions • Individuals with Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities Individualized Supports • Community First Choice

**Analysis of Census Areas to Determine Eligibility for
Exceptions to Conflict-Free Care Coordination Requirements**

Census Area/Borough	<u>Eligible for Exception?</u>	Exception Criteria Met
Aleutians East	YES	1
Aleutians West	YES	4
Anchorage	NO	
Bethel	YES	1, 2
Bristol Bay	YES	1
Denali	NO	
Dillingham	NO	
Fairbanks North Star	NO	
Haines	NO	
Hoonah/Angoon	NO	
Juneau	NO	
Kenai	NO	
Ketchikan Gateway	NO	
Kodiak Island	NO	
Kusilvak (<i>formerly Wade Hampton</i>)	YES	1, 2
Lake and Peninsula	NO	
Mat-Su	NO	
Nome	YES	1, 2
North Slope	NO	
Northwest Arctic	YES	1
Petersburg	NO	
Prince of Wales-Hyder	NO	
Sitka	NO	
Skagway	NO	
Southeast Fairbanks	NO	
Valdez/Cordova	NO	
Wrangell	NO	
Yakutat	NO	
Yukon-Koyukuk	YES	1, 2
TOTAL	21 NO/8 YES	

Criteria Key

1	Number of Conflict-Free care coordinators could not meet the capacity ¹ for the number of recipients in the census area
2	Number of Conflict-Free care coordinators certified by waiver type could not meet the capacity for the number of recipients in the census area
3	No longer valid, per CMS clarification
4	There are no current individuals in service or providers serving the census area

The Division conducted a data analysis² to determine which non-urban census areas would be allowed to have exceptions to conflict-free care coordination requirements. In the analysis the Division contemplated data on numbers of recipients, numbers of care coordinators, and types of waivers and Community First Choice served by care coordinators. The determinations were made according to the criteria above. Care coordinators doing only TEFRA cases were excluded from the analysis.

Exceptions to conflict free care coordination will be granted for the three-year period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.

Agencies granted an exception to provide both home and community-based services and care coordination in the eligible census areas must reapply for an exception to conflict-free care coordination requirements for this period, using the Conflict-of-Interest Exception Application.

The granting of an exception in a census area does not prohibit a conflict-free care coordinator from serving recipients in eligible census areas.

All new providers of home and community-based services in all census areas of the state are required to be conflict-free.

¹ for the purposes of this analysis, Capacity is defined as 25 individual recipients to one care coordinator

² data drawn from Harmony database as of May 2022.