STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State of Alaska

Attachment 4.14-B

UTILIZATION CONTROL PROCEDURES

Utilization control is primarily facility-based review in accordance with 45 CFR 250.18. The state agency makes a detailed annual appraisal of each facility-based utilization control committee. Included are scrutiny of meeting minutes, patient records, discharge planning and other essential records. The state agency review includes recommendations for improvement of the facility-based utilization control committee plus any follow-up action necessary to insure full compliance.

The state agency review team consists of a medical social worker, and a registered nurse employed directly by the Division of Medical Assistance A contract physician is employed for consultation when indicated.