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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2023

TO: All Certified Providers of Community First Choice services

FROM: Anthony Newman, Director, Senior and Disabilities Services<sup>AJN</sup>

RE: Payment of Legally Responsible Individuals (LRIs) to provide Community First Choice personal care services (CFC PCS)

At this writing the Alaska Legislature is poised to transmit to the Governor Senate Bill 57, requiring the department to allow LRIs to be reimbursed to provide 1915(k) option CFC personal care services.

If the Governor signs the bill, then SDS will conduct stakeholder engagement in the weeks to follow, including soliciting ideas and input on how to ensure recipients maintain choice of providers and protections from abuse.

Because the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires no change to Alaska's state plan to allow payment of LRIs when providing CFC personal care services, and there will be a statute dictating that this happen, SDS will continue the current flexibility to pay LRIs to provide 1915(k) CFC personal care services while regulations are developed that will operationalize this change.