



May 23, 2024

Emily Beaulieu
Medicaid State Plan Coordinator
Alaska Department of Health
3601 C Street, Suite 902
Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: Letter of Support for Proposed Interim Pharmacy Dispensing Fee

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) writes in support of the Department of Health (DOH) proposal to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for an interim pharmacy dispensing fee with an effective date of May 12, 2024.

ANTHC is a statewide tribal health organization serving all 229 tribes and all Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people in Alaska. ANTHC provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health, and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation operate programs at the Alaska Native Medical Center, the statewide tertiary care hospital for all AN/AI people in Alaska, under the terms of Public Law 105-83.

We understand that DOH's intention is to create a seamless transition from the end of the temporary Public Health Emergency increase to the base pharmacy dispensing fee, which expired May 11, 2024.

ANTHC supports this intent and appreciates the ongoing collaboration with DOH to resolve the pharmacy dispensing fee issue. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the proposed SPA, ANTHC also supports DOH's request to conduct tribal consultation concurrently with the approval process.

Please reach out with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique R. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monique R. Martin
Vice President, Intergovernmental Affairs