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Dear Tribal Health Leaders

On behalf of the Department of Health (the department) and in keeping with the responsibility to conduct tribal consultation, I am writing to inform you of a proposed Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA).

**Purpose and content of the proposed amendment:**

The department intends to submit a SPA seeking the extension of a provision previously approved in a disaster relief state plan amendment (dSPA AK-20-0003). With the submission of this SPA, the department seeks authority to extend the increase in pharmacy dispensing fees through September 30, 2023.

**Anticipated impact on Medicaid-eligible Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiaries:**

The department anticipates the proposed SPA to facilitate the continuation of pharmacy services in communities with limited access.

**Anticipated impact on tribal health programs and the Indian Health Service:**

The department anticipates the proposed SPA to facilitate ongoing service provision by tribal pharmacy providers.

**Mechanism and timeline for comment:**

Written comments or questions regarding the proposed amendment are due no later than November 7, 2022, by 5:00 PM. If seeking an in-person meeting to discuss the proposed changes, please provide a written request within 15-days of the date of this letter. Please direct all written correspondence to Courtney O'Byrne King, Alaska Department of Health, 3601 C Street, Suite 902, Anchorage, AK 99503, or [courtney.king@alaska.gov](mailto:courtney.king@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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