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Dear Tribal Health Leader,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), I am writing to inform you of two proposed future Medicaid state plan amendments (SPA) in keeping with DHSS's responsibility to conduct tribal consultation.

Revisions to Behavioral Rehabilitation Services in the Medicaid State Plan. Revisions to the state plan will occur in order to comply with standards and criteria set by Center for Medicaid Services (CMS), and in conjunction with proposed changes to regulations for Behavioral Rehabilitation Services due out for public comment through July 15, 2013. The proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) will revise language as requested by CMS to be more clearly aligned with the language describing Rehabilitation Services in 42 CFR 440.130(d). The proposed SPA will also describe settings, and provider qualifications for Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, conforming to CMS criteria and in conjunction with the proposed changes to regulations for Behavioral Rehabilitative Services.

These changes will impact Alaska Natives/American Indians receiving Behavioral Rehabilitation Services. They could also impact tribal health providers offering Behavioral Rehabilitation Services.

Traumatic or Acquired Brain Injury Program In conjunction with proposed regulation changes to make case management services available to all Medicaid eligible Alaskans 18 years of age or older with traumatic or acquired brain injury, the state proposes to file a SPA to add these services. Targeted Case Management Services are defined as those services furnished to assist individuals, eligible under the state plan, in gaining access to needed medical social, educational, and other services. Targeted Case Management will include screening, assessment, service planning, and coordination of services.

The addition of case management services will impact Alaska Natives/American Indians with traumatic or acquired brain injury. If tribal health providers offer case management services to this population, they would be impacted as well.

Comments provided in response to this consultation letter will be considered comments regarding the proposed SPA's, and not taken as public comment to the proposed regulations. Comments to the proposed regulations cannot be considered as comments to the proposed SPAs. If you wish to comment

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on both the SPAs and the proposed regulations, you must do so separately. To locate the proposed changes to regulations, please refer to the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services web page, at the "Public Notices" link. <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/PublicNotice/Default.aspx>

Please provide any written comments or questions regarding the proposed Behavioral Rehabilitation Services SPA by July 11, 2013. Please provide any written comments or questions regarding the proposed SPA for case management for individuals with Traumatic or Acquired Brain Injury by July 15, 2013. Submit comments to Gennifer Moreau, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 4501 Business Park Blvd., Suite 24, Bldg L, Anchorage, AK 99503-7167 or gennifer.moreau@alaska.gov. Please also feel free to call if you would like to arrange a meeting or discuss this upcoming State Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,



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