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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 a proposed future Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA) in keeping with DHSS's responsibility to conduct tribal consultation.

**Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit:** The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has been asked by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to revise language in the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) section of the state plan. These revisions will align with updated regulations, and make it easier to ensure that the Medicaid program is in compliance with Federal regulations. The state will provide assurances in the new language that eligible individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) may receive services determined to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not such services are covered under that state plan.

Please provide any written comments or questions regarding this state plan amendment within 30 days of the date of this letter to Gennifer Moreau, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 4501 Business Park Blvd, Building L, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 or [gennifermoreau@alaska.gov](mailto:gennifermoreau@alaska.gov). Please also feel free to call at (907) 334-2653, or if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss this upcoming state plan amendment please make a request in writing within 15 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gennifer Moreau".

Gennifer Moreau  
State Plan Coordinator

Cc: William J. Streur, Commissioner  
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