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Dear Tribal Health Leader,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), in keeping with the DHSS responsibility to conduct tribal consultation, this letter is written to confirm the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) as agreed upon during the consultative process begun during collaborative meetings between the Alaska Native Health Board, Alaska Tribal Health Systems, and the State of Alaska the week of May 2-5, 2016, and June 13-14, 2016.

Changes to Transportation Benefit to clarify the arrangement of transportation services: the filed amendment provides clarification within the State Plan regarding the arrangement of transportation services by a broker and the arrangement of transportation services by a government entity. Specifically, the amendment establishes clarification regarding the ability of a government entity to provide transportation administration services and defining transportation as an optional medical service.

As this letter is notice of the filing of a SPA resulting from an ongoing consultative process, please provide any written comments or questions to Renee Gayhart, Tribal Health Program Manager, at 350 Main Street, Suite 427, Juneau, Alaska 99811, or renee.gayhart@alaska.gov. Please also feel free to call Ms. Gayhart at (907)465-1619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Courtney O'Byrne King".

Courtney O'Byrne King, MS
Medicaid State Plan Coordinator

cc

Renee Gayhart, Tribal Health Program Manager