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### 7.4.B – Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective the day after the end of the PHE until six months after the PHE termination (in alignment with Appendix K termination), the Medicaid agency temporarily extends the following election(s) in section 7.4 (approved on September 23, 2022, in SPA 22-0009) of the state plan:

#### Section E – Payments

Increase to state plan payment methodologies:

2.  The agency increases payment rates for the following services:

Title XIX state plan Home and Community-Based Services including personal care, targeted case management, and 1915(k) Community First Choice Services.
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b. Payments are increased through:

- i.  An increase in rates as described below

Rates are increased:

Uniformly by the following percentage: 10%

Through a modification to published fee schedules –

Effective date (enter date of the change): July 1, 2022

Location (list published location):

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/info/costsurvey.aspx>

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Effective the day after the end of the PHE until October 1, 2023, the Medicaid agency temporarily extends the following election(s) in section 7.4 (approved on May 7, 2020, in SPA 20-0003) of the state plan:

#### Drug Benefit

8.  The agency makes the following payment adjustment to the professional dispensing fee when additional costs are incurred by the providers for delivery. States will need to supply documentation to justify the additional fees.

(1) Temporarily revise state plan provisions at Attachment 4.19-B, page 8 (K&L) to allow for a professional dispensing fee to be reimbursed no more than every 14-days per individual at \$15.86 for pharmacies located on the road system and \$23.78 for pharmacies not located on the road system. Shipping will be reimbursed regardless of the location of the pharmacy or beneficiary.

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Effective the day after the end of the PHE until August 11, 2023, the Medicaid agency temporarily extends the following election(s) in section 7.4 (approved on May 7, 2020, in SPA 20-0003) of the state plan:

#### Section D – Benefits

2.  X  The agency makes the following adjustments to benefits currently covered in the state plan:

Temporarily waive the provider requirement for certifications in first aid and CPR, located in attached sheet to Attachment 3.1-A page 11a, and Attachment 3.1-K, page 7.
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3.  X  The agency assures that newly added benefits or adjustments to benefits comply with all applicable statutory requirements, including the statewide requirements found at 1902(a)(1), comparability requirements found at 1902(a)(10)(B), and free choice of provider requirements found at 1902(a)(23).

4.  X  Application to Alternative Benefit Plans (ABP). The state adheres to all ABP provisions in 42 CFR Part 440, Subpart C. This section only applies to states that have an approved ABP(s).

a.  X  The agency assures that these newly added and/or adjusted benefits will be made available to individuals receiving services under ABPs.

b.   Individuals receiving services under ABPs will not receive these newly added and/or adjusted benefits, or will only receive the following subset:

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