

ACTIVATION OF STATE PATIENT CARE STRATEGIES FOR SCARCE RESOURCE SITUATIONS

On October 1, 2021 the Crisis Care Committee, which was established under Addendum No. 1 to the COVID-19 **Public Health Emergency Order** dated September 21, 2021, met and requested that the **State Patient Care Strategies For Scarce Resource Situations (August 2021)** be activated. I, Adam Crum, Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services approve this request and order the **State Patient Care Strategies For Scarce Resource Situations (August 2021)** be activated for the following facilities:

- Alaska Native Medical Center
- Alaska Regional Hospital
- Bartlett Regional Hospital
- Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation/Kanakanak Hospital
- Central Peninsula Hospital
- Cordova Community Medical Center
- Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
- Maniilaq Health Center
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center
- Norton Sound Health Corporation
- Petersburg Medical Center
- Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Providence Kodiak Island Medical Center
- Providence Seward Medical Center
- Providence Valdez Medical Center
- SEARHC/Mt. Edgecumbe
- South Peninsula Hospital
- St. Elias Specialty Hospital
- Wrangell Medical Center
- Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

The facts supporting this activation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Limited renal replacement therapy and trained staff to utilize the equipment.
- Limited oxygen supplies, associated equipment, and mechanical ventilation.
- Need to use supplemental non-clinical staff to support clinical care.
- Patients are unable to be transferred from a rural community to a critical access hospital and/or tertiary hospitals, which means patients are at an increased risk of adverse medical consequences or outcomes.

Further, it is the expectation of the Commissioner in issuing this activation that:

1. Each facility will use the **State Patient Care Strategies For Scarce Resource Situations (August 2021)** only as necessary to meet the specific clinical needs of their patients; and
2. When those specific clinical needs have abated each facility will return to standard operating procedures, or as close as possible, as the circumstances or situations allow.

This activation is effective as of September 21, 2021.

Dated: October 2, 2021



Adam Crum, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services