

State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Senior and Disabilities Services Home and Community-Based Services

Criteria Used to Determine Exceptions to Conflict of Interest Requirements

Provider Types Eligible for Exceptions

Agencies that are currently certified and/or enrolled to provide care coordination **and** one or more of the following home and community-based services are eligible to apply for exceptions to conflict-free requirements:

- Chore
- Respite
- Residential Habilitation Group Home, Family Habilitation, Supported Living, In Home Supports
- Residential Supported Living
- Day Habilitation
- Meals
- Transportation
- Adult Day
- Nursing Oversight and Care Management
- Supported Employment
- Intensive Active Treatment
- Specialized Private Duty Nursing
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Environmental Modifications
- Personal Care Services/Community First Choice

Determining Exception Areas

Using certification data as of May, 2022, Senior and Disabilities Services reviewed all non-urban census areas in the State of Alaska. The Municipality of Anchorage, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City and Borough of Juneau, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough were not considered for an exception per 7 AAC 130.220(j). The remaining census areas were determined to be eligible for an exception to conflict-free requirements if each met one or more of the following conditions:

- (1) The number of conflict-free care coordinators could not meet the capacity for the number of recipients in the census area.
- (2) The number of conflict-free care coordinators certified by waiver type could not meet the capacity to serve recipients by waiver type.
- (3) Criteria no longer valid, per CMS clarification.
- (4) There were no recipients or providers of HCB services or care coordination in a census area.

Only agencies that had exceptions during the previous three year period are eligible for another exception; all other agencies must have become conflict free during the prior period.