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Dear Tribal Health Leaders

On behalf of the Department of Health (the department) and in keeping with the responsibility to conduct tribal consultation, I am writing to inform you of a proposed Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA).

Purpose and content of the proposed amendment:

The department intends to submit a SPA seeking the extension of a provision previously approved in a disaster relief state plan amendment (dSPA AK-20-0003). With the submission of this SPA, the department seeks the authority to extend the temporary waiver of the **personal care assistant (also known as personal care attendant)** 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) through for three months after the end of the public health emergency (PHE) until August 11, 2023.

Anticipated impact on Medicaid-eligible Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiaries:

The extension will positively impact Medicaid-eligible Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiaries to ensure continued access to care as providers become compliant with certification requirements.

Anticipated impact on tribal health programs and the Indian Health Service:

The extension will ensure continued access to care and ease administrative burden as providers become compliant with the first aid and certification requirements after the end of the public health emergency.

Mechanism and timeline for comment:

Written comments or questions regarding the proposed amendment are due no later than May 11, 2023, by 5:00 PM. If seeking an in-person meeting to discuss the proposed changes, please provide a written request within 15 days of the date of this letter. Please direct all written correspondence to Emily Beaulieu, Alaska Department of Health, 3601 C Street, Suite 902, Anchorage, AK 99503, or emily.beaulieu@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Emily Beaulieu
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