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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 future Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA). *This opportunity for consultation runs concurrently with public comment on proposed regulations.*

Purpose and content of the proposed amendment:

The department proposes to submit a SPA updating the fee schedule effective date attached to the reimbursement rates for the provider type licensed behavior analyst. This change aligns the state plan with proposed regulation changes referenced above and for which comments should be submitted separately.

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

The department does not anticipate that this proposed SPA will adversely impact Medicaid-eligible Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiaries.

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

The department does not anticipate that this proposed SPA will adversely impact the Indian Health Service or Alaska tribal providers.

Mechanism and timeline for comment

Written comments or questions regarding the proposed amendment are due no later than close of business, October 20, 2023. If seeking an in-person meeting regarding 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.

*Comments received in response to this consultation letter are considered for consultation and not comment on the regulations. Comments on the regulations are not considered comments for consultation on the SPA. **If you wish to provide comments for consideration in both the SPA and the regulations processes, you must do so separately.** To locate the regulations, please refer to the State of Alaska, Department of Health web page, at the "Public Notices" link.*

Sincerely,

/s/

Emily Beaulieu
Medicaid State Plan Coordinator