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Press Availability: Senior and Disabilities Services moratorium on some Waiver services at request of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services today responded to a preliminary review of some of Alaska's Medicaid-funded programs by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), thanking CMS for its oversight assistance, offering clarification on some points and requesting additional information.

The CMS review placed a moratorium on new applications for the state's Medicaid waiver programs, which allow use of Medicaid funds for home- and community-based care programs, and for Personal Care services. The review also raised concerns about operational and programmatic oversight of each.

WHAT: Rebecca Hilgendorf, Senior and Disabilities Services Director, and Marcy Rein, Chief of SDS Programs, will be available to answer questions.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Frontier Building, Anchorage, Suite 310

WHO: Rebecca Hilgendorf, SDS Director; Marcy Rein, SDS Program Chief

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