



February 20, 2018

Rep. Jason Grenn
State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: HB 313 – Recovery of payment by insurance providers

Dear Rep. Grenn,

The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) writes this letter in support of HB 313, a statute of limitations on insurance refund recoupments. ASHNHA is a membership organization representing Alaska's hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other health care providers.

HB 313 limits recoupments of overpayments to health care providers by health insurers to 18 months after the date the claim was paid. This legislation seeks to address difficulties faced by providers in dealing with health insurers, specifically excessive demands for refunds for claims paid years in the past. Many states recognize the administrative burden placed on the health care system by such claims, and have passed laws similar to HB 313. The 18 month limit on recoupments is reasonable and fair and will improve the efficiency of the health care system.

Please let us know how we can further assist your office in advancing this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO