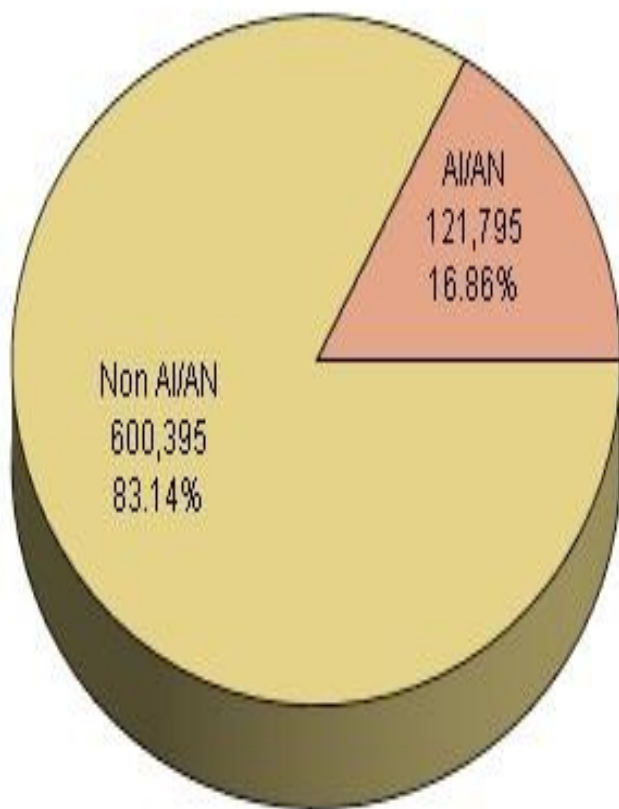


Health Care in the Last Frontier State and Tribal interaction

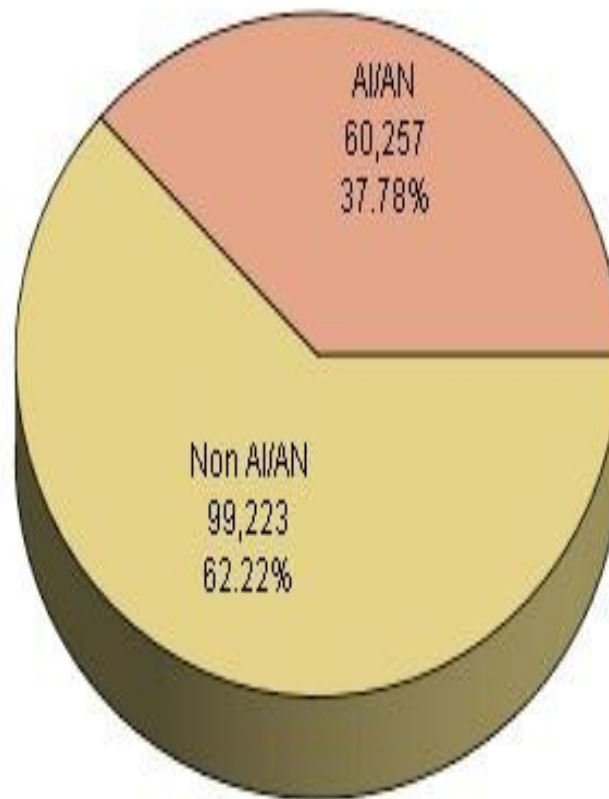
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September 2013

**Alaska's Total Population
Population**



Alaska's Medicaid Eligible



Medicaid and Tribal Health Care Delivery

GOAL- In order to improve the health status of Alaska Native people and maximize federal Medicaid funding, the Department:

Advocates for enhanced federal funding

Provides Medicaid reimbursement to tribal health organizations

Supports infrastructure development and maintenance of the tribal health care delivery system

Collaborates with tribes on various initiatives and programs

Promotes culturally competent services

The Tribal Health Program partners with:

**State/Tribal Medicaid Task Force,
Alaska Native Health Board Tribal Health Directors,
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium,
“Mega mtg” with above 2 entities,
Community Health Aide Program Directors,
Behavioral Health Directors,
Long Term Care Directors, and
Financial Infrastructure Directors
Alaska Area Office for Indian Health Services**

Additional partnering occurs to allow access to the Eligibility Information System to expand access and outreach for Medicaid enrollment and re-enrollment.

Tribal Health Care System Ownership

Tribal Ownership means:

Local priority setting and budget allocation

Local decision-making

Culturally relevant health program

Flexibility

**Employment; The Alaska
Tribal Health System
employs approximately
6000 Alaskans**

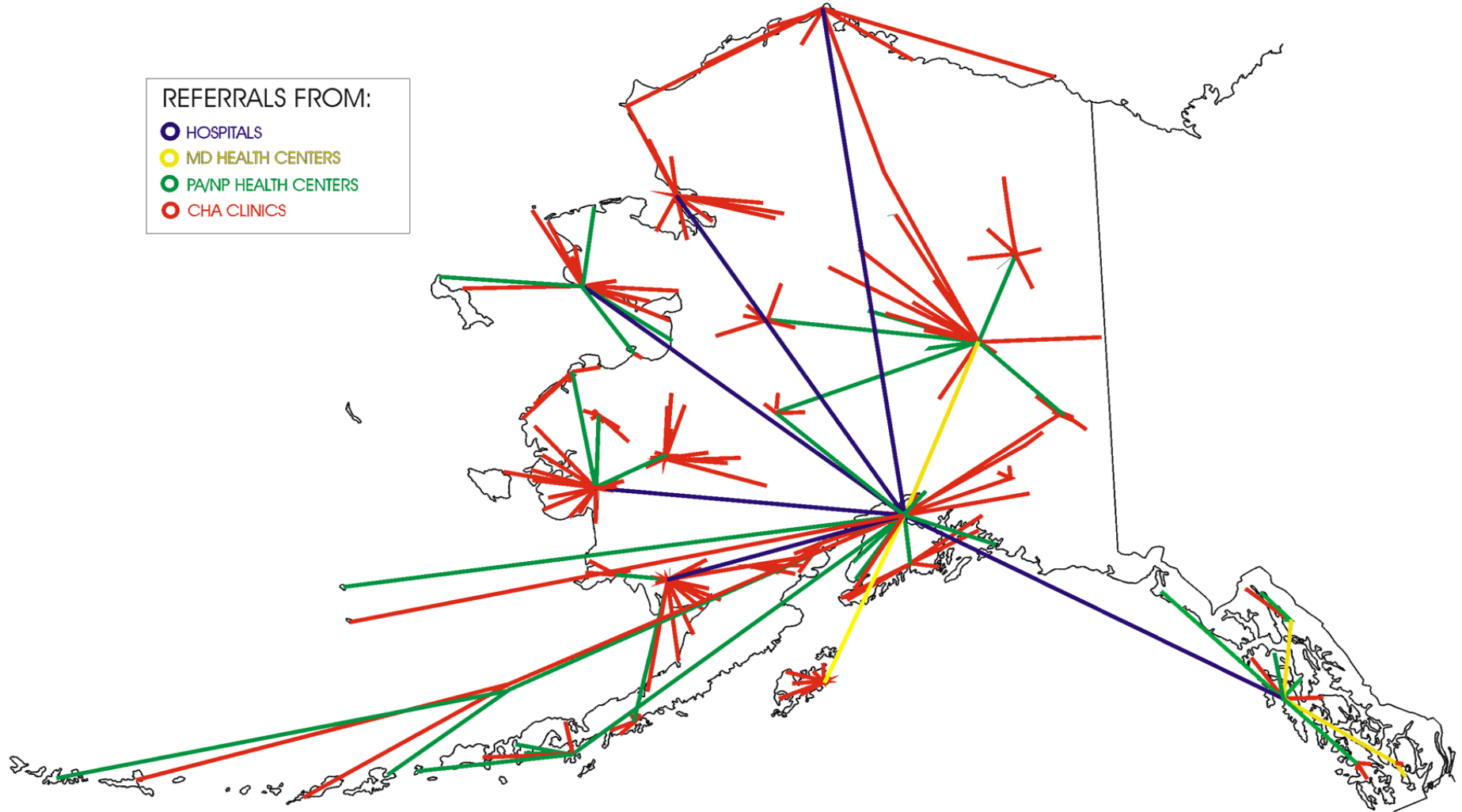


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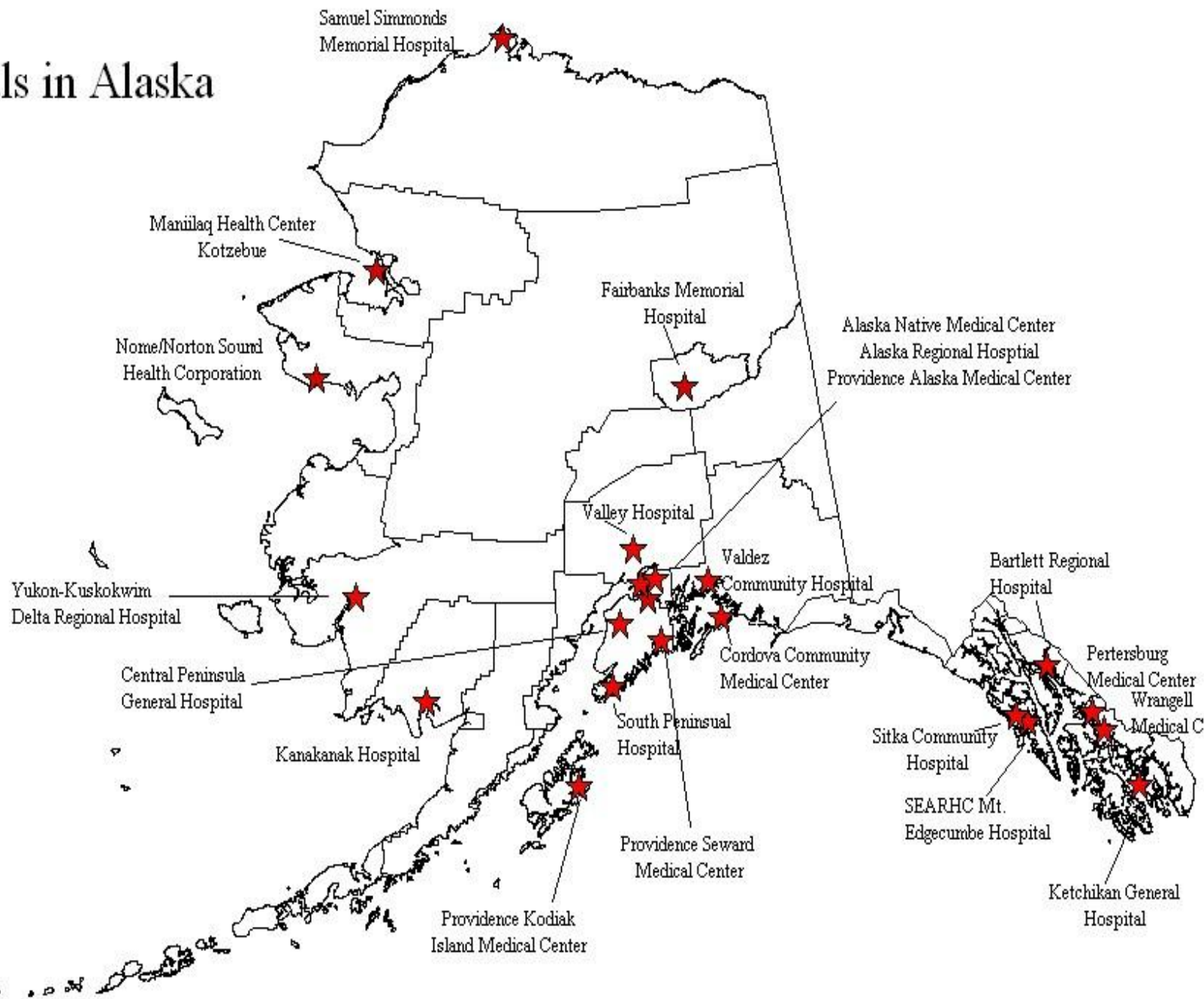
Typical Referral Patterns

REFERRALS FROM:

- HOSPITALS
- MD HEALTH CENTERS
- PA/NP HEALTH CENTERS
- CHA CLINICS



Hospitals in Alaska



Senate Bill 88 :

Strong partnership and common goals

Expedited process with approval

Supports expansion of services at Alaska Native Medical Center

Eight components result in the shift of care from non-tribal facilities to Alaska Native Medical Center

Shifting services from non-tribal to tribal health providers converts 50% to 100% Federal match

Total shift approximately \$3.9 million beginning in FY2015.

Total Medicaid Expenditures:

Increasing efforts to expand Medicaid Payments to Tribal Health Organizations each fiscal year:

FFY10: \$174, 608,537

FFY11: \$185, 604,855

FFY12: \$234,200,296

In addition to retroactively claiming services for non native pregnant women and race code adjustments:

FFY13: \$378,087 = for 121 non-native pregnant women and 130 race code changes

Arctic Slope Native Association:

Located in Barrow, Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital is the primary healthcare facility for the North Slope region—an area larger than Washington State. Governed by 8 tribal governments.

Total Medicaid payments:

- **2012 - \$2,490,541**
- **2011 - \$2,655,649**
- **2010 - \$1,959,848**

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation:

Located in Dillingham, Kanakanak Hospital covers an area the size of Ohio.

Total Medicaid payments

- **2012 - \$6,319,639**
- **2011 - \$5,607,753**
- **2010 - \$5,460,824**

Norton Sound Health Corporation:

Located in Nome, serves surrounding villages of the Bering Strait region.

Total Medicaid payments

- **2012 - \$17,052,677**
- **2011 - \$15,787,650**
- **2010 - \$15,828,457**

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation:

Located in Bethel, serves 58 rural communities in southwest Alaska. The Region is approximately 58,000 square miles (roughly the size of Oregon).

Total Medicaid payments

- **2012 - \$36,752,415**
- **2011 - \$38,225,485**
- **2010 - \$34,760,277**

Tanana Chiefs Conference :

Located in Fairbank, Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center covers 42 villages of Interior Alaska who serve a region of 235,000 square miles.

Total Medicaid payments:

- **2012 – \$6,633,437**
- **2011 - \$5,272,358**
- **2010 - \$4,887,121**

Southeast Alaska Health Consortium:

Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital services 18 communities

Total Medicaid payments

- **2012 - \$14,142,600**
- **2011 – \$13,570,451**
- **2010 - \$11,206,784**



"While I can explain the meaning of life, I don't dare try to explain how the Medicaid system works."



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