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Senator MacKinnon and Senator Kelly:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written recommendations and feedback for consideration by the Senate Finance Committee for CSSB74.

1. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
 - Two spots reference "on a weekly basis"
 - Section 4, Page 11, Line 8
 - Section 9, Page 14, Line 22
 - For the committee's consideration: The Department recommends "on **at least** a weekly basis"
2. Duty to identify and repay self-identified overpayments
 - Section 16, Page 17, Lines 14 – 15
"An enrolled medical assistance provider shall conduct at least one annual review or audit of all claims submitted to the department..."
 - For the committee's consideration: "**Unless a provider is being audited under 47.05.200(a)**, an enrolled medical assistance provider shall conduct **a biennial** review or audit of **a statistically valid sample of** claims submitted to the department..."
3. Language Clarification
 - Section 17, Page 20, Lines 18 - 19
 - For the committee's consideration: The Department recommends adding "based on evidence based practice."
 - Guidelines for health care providers to develop health care delivery models **based on evidence based practice** that encourage wellness and disease prevention.

4. Report to the Legislature
 - Section 17, Page 22, Lines 8 - 9
“the percentage increase or decrease in average state general fund spending for each medical assistance recipient compared to the previous fiscal year
 - For the committee’s consideration: The department recommends deleting the word “each.”
5. Case management for recipients with multiple hospitalizations
 - Section 18, Page 22, Line 29 through Page 23, Line 1
 - For the committee’s consideration: “the department shall require recipients with multiple hospitalizations to enroll in a primary care case management system or with a managed care organization **except for recipients with conditions that may necessitate multiple hospitalizations** under this subsection”
6. Coordinated Care Demonstration Projects
 - Section 20, Page 25, Lines 21 - 23
 - For the committee’s consideration: The department recommends adding, “**and annually thereafter,**” “The department shall request proposals for projects under this section on or before December 31, 2016, **and annually thereafter,** and may use an innovative procurement process as described under AS 36.30.308.”
7. Language Suggestion
 - Section 22, Page 28, Lines 20 - 24
 - For the committee’s consideration: The department recommends using the language from CSSB78 in Section 13, Page 17, Lines 19 – 23
8. Language Suggestion
 - Section 23, Page 28, Lines 25 through Page 29, Line 1
 - For the committee’s consideration: The department recommends using the language from CSSB78 in Section 13, Page 17, Lines 24 - 31
9. Implement Federal Policy on Tribal Medicaid Reimbursement
 - Section 25, Page 30, Lines 1 - 16
 - To more accurately describe the process, the department recommends the following:
 - Section 25, Page 30, Line 9: states “adopts a final rule updating its policy”
For the committee’s consideration: The Department recommends “**issues a final policy**”
 - Section 25, Page 30, Line 16: states “fully implement the rule in the state”
For the committee’s consideration: The department recommends “fully implement the **policy** in the state”

- For the committee's consideration: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the final policy on February 26, 2016. Implementation may need to be addressed through the effective date clause.

10. Dates in the bill

- Section 17, Page 21, Line 10: "On or before October 15"
 - For the committee's consideration: The department recommends, "On or before **November 15**"
- Section 20, Page 27, Lines 18 & 20: "June 30"
 - For the committee's consideration: The department recommends, "**November 15**"
- Section 21, Page 28, Line 17: "On or before October 15"
 - The department recommends, "On or before **November 15**"

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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