

March 25, 2019



The Honorable Ivy Spohnholz  
State Capitol  
Room 421  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Spohnholz,

Moda Health would like to express our support for House Bill No. 29, which you introduced to the Alaska legislature on February 20, 2019. Telehealth is becoming a more popular information and communication system to provide and support distant healthcare services, of which mental health care is a major domain. Particularly in a geography like Alaska, telehealth can be particularly effective to improve access to services and convenience for patients. We support the value of telehealth for mental health services and support including these as covered services.

Founded in 1955, Oregon-based Moda is a company committed to building healthier communities. In addition to its more than 1 million dental lives, Moda has 330,000 members in its medical plans and more than 1 million members in its stand-alone pharmacy segment. The Moda family of enterprises includes Moda Health, ODS Community Dental, Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, Ardon Health, BenefitHelp Solutions, Astra Practice Partners, Dental Commerce Corporation, Healthy Grid, Arrow Dental, and PropacPaylessPharmacy.

Moda has participated in Alaska's insurance market since 2004, and is proud to have an office in Anchorage.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Strategic Market Development



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