



Vision
A Native Community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.

Mission
Working together with the Native Community to achieve wellness through health and related services.

Customer-Owners
Serving over 70,000 Alaska Native and American Indian People

Community Served
Anchorage Service Unit and 55 Tribes to Include:

Anchorage	
Matanuska Susitna Borough	McGrath
Chickaloon	McGrath
Ekultra	McGrath
Igiugig	Newhalen
Iliajna	Ninilchik
Kenaitze	Seldovia
Knik	St. Paul Island
Kokhanok	Tyonek

Services Offered
Over 90 Community-Based Programs Including:

Medical
Behavioral
Dental

Co-Own and Co-Manage the Alaska Native Medical Center

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March 14, 2024

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor
State of Alaska
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 241 and House Bill 344 – Medicaid Demonstration Projects

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 241 and House Bill 344 which if passed will lead to significant, positive impacts on the health of many Alaskans enrolled in Medicaid. Southcentral Foundation (SCF) emphasizes the wellness of the whole person, family, community, and their health-related needs that could be addressed through this 1115 waiver. The Department of Health's willingness to keep stakeholders informed about possible options created by this waiver has been appreciated. SCF participated in the design phase of the behavioral health 1115 waiver authorized under Senate Bill 74 (2016) and is ready to work with the Department of Health on implementing this next phase of health reform in Alaska.

With the legislation, the Department of Health will have the option to create pathways for certain Medicaid enrollees to access supports for their health-related needs. These needs can include temporary housing, food and nutrition, transportation, and case management. Many of the health and wellness needs of Alaskans cannot be directly addressed by a visit with a physician. For example, an Alaskan with diabetes may have a great relationship with their primary care provider and be doing everything possible to address their condition, however, without access to healthy meals their condition can worsen. This legislation will allow the state to create pathways to address that very real problem.

This legislation will improve and save lives, and also save the state and health care sector resources in the long run. Thank you again for your leadership in introducing this legislation. If you have any questions, or if there are ways SCF can help to move this legislation forward this session, please feel free to contact me at akyle@southcentralfoundation.com.

Sincerely,
SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION

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