



Wellness for Everyone!

Mission: To strengthen Alaska communities and improve the lives of our clients by delivering exceptional behavioral healthcare services.

Support and Protect Medicaid in Alaska

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Alaska has the 2nd highest rate of suicide in the US

Suicide is the leading cause of death in 10- to 24-year-olds.

Untreated mental illness is the principle causal factor.

SOURCE: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention



Access is a virtuous circle



Increasing service capacity



Timely access to treatment

Reduce wait-times

Eliminate wait lists



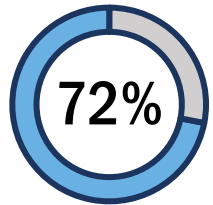
More effective & efficient treatment



Better outcomes



Medicaid is key to access



Most Alaskans we serve use **Medicaid**.

We will serve **10,000** Alaskans this year.

Loss of adequate Medicaid coverage will push Alaskans who depend on it for outpatient care into emergency rooms.

Annual Medicaid cost of outpatient treatment is about \$5,000 per patient.

This is roughly equivalent to the cost of two nights at Alaska Psychiatric Institute.



All Alaskans will be impacted



Access will decrease



Costs will increase

Can they count on us?



Thank you!



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