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The Honorable Forrest Dunbar
Chair, Senate Health & Social Services Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Dunbar:

During the April 1, 2025, Senate Health and Social Services Committee hearing on SB 134, there was a member question to which the Division of Insurance was to provide a written response. Our response follows:

Senator Hughes asked if the term “person” found on page 6, line 15 relating to third-party administrators was too broad and needed to be amended.

“Person” is used in references to licensees throughout AS 21.27 and is defined under AS 21.97.900 (33):

(33) “person” has the meaning given in [AS 01.10.060](#) and includes an insurer, Lloyd's, fraternal benefit society, medical service, or hospital service plan as defined in [AS 21.87](#), reciprocal or interinsurance exchange, syndicate, and any other legal entity engaged in the business of transacting insurance;”

AS 01.10.060(8) defines a person as:

(8) “person” includes a corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, organization, business trust, or society, as well as a natural person;

Both definitions apply in this context and are appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Wing-Heier".

Lori Wing-Heier
Director

cc: Lizzie Kubitz, Legislative Liaison
Jordan Shilling, Director, Governor's Legislative Office