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House Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 519
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Honorable members of the House Finance Committee,

Please see the following responses to questions posed during the hearing of HB73 Complex Care Residential Homes, House Finance Committee, April 10, 2025:

What is the maximum number of residents in current residential facilities?

The maximum number of residents in current residential facilities varies based on licensing, local laws, and the Medicaid Waiver certification process.

From a licensing standpoint, Host Care Homes are limited to two individuals, although the Department may authorize a third resident under unusual circumstances. Other than Host Care Homes, there are no state statutory or regulatory maximums for the number of residents in a licensed residential facility.

The capacity of residential facilities is limited by state or local building codes, regulatory physical plant requirements (e.g., square footage, number of rooms and toilets), and staffing regulations. These requirements are assessed during initial licensure and renewal inspections, based on the number of residents a facility applies to serve.

The Medicaid Waiver certification process also establishes regulatory maximums. Facilities providing Home and Community-Based Services—specifically Family Habilitation and Host Home Services—are limited to a maximum of three residents.

What is a Frontier Clinic? Can you provide an example?

A Frontier Extended Stay Clinic (FESC) is a type of rural health clinic authorized to provide 24-hour care for one or more individuals. It must be located in a community that is either at least 75 miles from the nearest acute care or critical access hospital or is inaccessible by public road.

Alaska has one clinic that meets this definition that Health Care Facility Licensing & Certification oversees - Iliuliuk Family & Health Services in Unalaska (Dutch Harbor).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Ricci', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Emily Ricci
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Jordan Shilling, Director, Governor's Legislative Office

