



April 9, 2025

Representative Zack Fields, Co-Chair
House Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Representative Carolyn Hall, Co-Chair
House Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: ANTHC Support of House Bill 144

Representative Fields and Representative Hall,

On behalf of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), I write in support of House Bill (HB) 144.

ANTHC is a statewide Tribal health organization serving all 229 tribes and all Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people in Alaska. ANTHC provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health, and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation operate programs at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), the statewide tertiary care hospital for all AN/AI people in Alaska, under the terms of Public Law 105-83.

At ANMC and across the Alaska Tribal Health System, the current prior authorization process serves as an administrative challenge to our ability to provide needed health care services and medications in a timely and efficient manner. To preserve limited health care resources for direct patient care, it's critical that we work together to improve the existing prior approval process through a collaborative and coordinated effort. HB 144 is a product of this effort, representing a significant step in strengthening our care delivery system and the health of the patients we serve.

Thank you for your leadership in sponsoring HB 144 and appreciate the opportunity to provide written support of this important legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me at mmartin@anthc.org or 907-444-8808 with any questions or if additional information can be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique R. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monique R. Martin, Vice President
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