



Interior Community Health Center

Quality primary care accessible to all

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Dear Legislators:

The Interior Community Health Center (ICHC) supports programs that improve the health of Alaskans. As a community-based private non-profit organization, ICHC's mission is to provide quality primary care accessible to all. ICHC accomplishes its mission by delivering care consisting of medical, integrated behavioral health and dental services and offering a sliding fee (based on household size and income) to some of the community's most vulnerable people. In 2015, ICHC saw 6,205 people, 2,131 (34%) of whom were uninsured with 4,416 (71%) living at or below 200% of Federal Poverty. Although ICHC, as the only National Committee on Quality Assurance Level III recognized Patient Centered Medical Home in Fairbanks, provides many primary care services to uninsured and poor or near poor people (which among other things keeps them from developing costly preventable conditions and ending up in the hospital emergency room), access to specialty care services (important to overall health) remains challenging for a variety of reasons for people without insurance.

For these reasons, ICHC asks you to approve Medicaid expansion so our most vulnerable citizens have access to comprehensive health care. ICHC also respectfully requests your continued support for the Health and Human Services Matching Block Grant, as well as the WWAMI program so that we can continue to do what is needed to take good care of our communities.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Kilgore
Executive Director