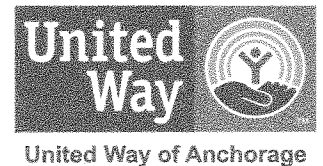


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Governor Bill Walker
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P.O. Box 110001
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Dear Governor Walker,

Thank you for your efforts to expand Medicaid in Alaska under the Affordable Care Act.

United Way of Anchorage has consistently supported Medicaid expansion. Access to health care is a core goal for us, and access to insurance coverage is a critical aspect of all Alaskans planning for and taking care of their health needs. To that end, UWA has served for two years as a navigator under the Affordable Care Act, and Alaska 2-1-1 has been a focal point for getting Alaskans connected with information and assistance for ACA and other enrollment opportunities.

Going forward, we appreciate that Medicaid expansion is not just a yes/no policy decision. It begins with that, certainly, but it will take a cross-sector, systematic approach to make it happen as smoothly as possible. We stand ready to assist you and the State.

Similarly, we offer you our partnership in helping improve other health and quality of life outcomes for Alaskans. In these tough financial times, we must break down the siloes among the sectors to join forces and resources around a shared vision for Alaskans to lead stable, healthy, and safe lives. Alaska 2-1-1 serves clients statewide, with over 3000 resources in the database, and robust provider partnerships throughout the state. That, coupled with United Way of Anchorage's focus on multi sector, data driven, results-focused collaboration, is a platform for the public private partnerships we all need to measurably improve the lives of Alaskans.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michele Brown
President

cc Commissioner Valerie Davidson