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The Honorable Jennifer Johnston
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 511
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Dear Representative Johnston:

On February 4, 2020, the Department of Health and Social Services received the following questions from the House Health and Social Services Finance Subcommittee regarding the Senior and Disabilities Services presentation:

Rep. Spohnholz - Provide the number of people currently on waitlists for SDS programs.

Senior and Disabilities Services has two programs with waitlists: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver and General Relief Assisted Living Home program.

As of 2/6/20:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver has 736 individuals on the waitlist. Of the 736, 391 individuals have been offered services under the Individualized Supports Waiver while they continue to wait for approval under the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver.
- General Relief Assisted Living Home has 67 individuals on the waitlist.

Rep. Spohnholz - Provide info on Home and Community Based Services that have caps. Has SDS seen people moving to higher level of care because of the caps?

- Daily Respite has an annual limit of 14 days per plan year.
- Hourly Respite has an annual limit of 520 hours per plan year.
- Day Habilitation has a weekly average of 12 hours per week or 624 hours per plan year.
- Supported Living Habilitation has a daily limit of 18 hours per day.
- Chore Services has an annual limit of 10 hours per week or 520 hours per plan year for recipients in the Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities Waiver, Adults Living Independently waiver or Children with Complex Medical Conditions that also have a documented history of

respiratory illness; and 5 hours per week or 260 hours per plan year for recipients in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver or Children with Complex Medical Conditions Waiver with no documented history of respiratory illnesses.

- Environmental Modification Services has a limit of \$18,500 per each three year period.
- The Individualized Supports Waiver has an annual limit of \$17,500 per individual per plan year.

The division does not have evidence that individuals have shifted to a higher level of care due to the limitations imposed.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at 465-1630.

Sincerely,



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