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Subject: Alaska's hospitals are relying on Lower 48 nurses to fill empty positions. It's a costly strategy.

Dear Senator Cathy,

After months of trying to find a replacement for my healthcare team that I loved, I finally got an April appointment. Medicare patients are clearly not preferred even if their online platform indicates so-and as their limit quotas have quickly filled up. So that leaves us the main option of going to the Emergency Rooms for any care, with no continuity post visit. Is there a panel of sorts to address this need? Thank you for reading, Shara

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