



Vision
A Native Community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.

Mission
Working together with the Native Community to achieve wellness through health and related services.

Customer-Owners
Serving over 70,000 Alaska Native and American Indian People

Community Served
Anchorage Service Unit and 55 Tribes to Include:

- Anchorage
- Matanuska Susitna Borough
- Chickaloon McGrath
- Eklutna McGrath
- Igiugig Newhalen
- Iliamna Ninilchik
- Kenaitze Seldovia
- Knik St. Paul Island
- Kokhanok Tyonek

Services Offered
Over 90 Community-Based Programs Including:
Medical
Behavioral
Dental
Co-Own and Co-Manage the Alaska Native Medical Center

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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor
State of Alaska
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 225 and House Bill 314 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 225 and House Bill 314 related to occupational licensing fees. This legislation will help stabilize changes in licensing fees for professions regulated by the Division of Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL). Southcentral Foundation (SCF) employs more than 2700 people with a team of more than one thousand licensed healthcare professionals. This diverse group includes physicians, nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists, and various other clinicians who hold state licenses. SCF clinicians work in partnership with 70,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people on their journey of health and wellness.

As a recruitment and retention incentive, SCF along with many other large health care organizations, reimburses clinicians for costs associated with their professional licensure. Due to the costs associated with investigations by CBPL staff, the fees for certain professions can vary from year to year. Moving these investigatory costs from profession-based responsibilities to an overall cost of the division will help clinicians and health care organizations plan for licensure costs changes on a year-to-year basis.

Thank you again for your leadership in introducing this legislation. If you have any questions, or if there are ways SCF can help to move this legislation forward this session, please feel free to contact me at akyle@southcentralfoundation.com.

Sincerely,
SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION

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President and CEO