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Table 2 - Federal Expenditures or Obligations Paid Directly to Native Tribes and Communities, FFY99 (continued)

Recipient	Federal Departments and Agencies								
	HUD-Public and Indian Housing	Education	Justice	FAA	EPA	EEOC	Institute of Museum and Library Services	Labor-Employment and Training Administration	National Endowment For The Arts
Agdaagux Tribal Akiachak	\$282,682		\$252,722	\$399,894	\$50,000				
Akiak	\$234,618								
Alakanuk							\$4,500		
Allakaket							\$4,500		
Aniak					\$100,000		\$6,500		
Anvik					\$75,000		\$4,500		
Arctic Village	\$147,000								
Asa'Carsarmiut			\$6,000,000				\$4,500		
Barrow									
Beaver					\$90,000				
Bill Moore's Slough					\$80,269				
Birch Creek Village					\$95,000				
Brevig Mission									
Buckland									
Cantwell							\$4,500		
Chalkyitsik					\$8,594				
Chefornak	\$204,503				\$304,665				
Chenega Bay					\$42,922				
Chevak			\$258,033						
Chickaloon Village		\$271,430							
Chignik							\$4,500		
Chistochina					\$40,000		\$4,500		
Chitina									
Chuathbaluk							\$4,500		
Circle Village					\$83,676				
Craig	\$156,934				\$100,000				
Crooked Creek	\$111,057								
Curyung	\$375,300						\$4,500		
Deering							\$4,500		
Diomede									
Eagle							\$4,500		
Egegik				\$762,303			\$4,500		
Eklutna					\$180,248				
Ekuk	\$240,010								
Ekwok					\$109,637				
Elim	\$77,850				\$85,000				

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Recipient	Grand Total	Federal Departments and Agencies										
		Agriculture			Commerce		Interior				Health and Human Services	
		Food and Nutrition Service	Rural Housing Service	Rural Utilities Service	Economic Development	NOAA	BLM	BIA	NPS	USFWS	IOS	Indian Health Services
Emmonak	\$19,598									\$19,598		
Evansville	\$248,588											
Eyak	\$178,998											\$118,948
False Pass	\$4,500											
Fort Yukon	\$54,280										\$54,280	
Galena	\$960,636			\$600,000				\$126,900				
Gambell	\$748,049							\$686,459			\$61,590	
Goodnews Bay	\$1,226,500			\$1,226,500								
Grayling	\$4,500											
Gulkana Village	\$4,500											
Holy Cross	\$96,389											
Hoonah	\$85,000											
Hughes	\$6,500											
Huslia	\$89,541											
Igiugig	(\$75,206)											
Iliamna	\$79,461							\$74,961				
Kake	\$834,012							\$444,012				
Kaltag	\$25,000											
Kasaan	\$110,000											
Kasigluk	\$520,374											
Ketchikan	\$1,375,755							\$1,092,348			\$83,237	\$90,000
Kiana	\$1,285,000			\$1,200,000								
Kipnuk	\$200,000								\$50,000			
Kivalina	\$244,010			\$221,250							\$22,760	
Klawock	\$1,180,938		\$100,000		\$850,731				\$46,200		\$54,280	
Klukwan	\$60,000											
Knik	\$4,500											
Kobuk	\$178,500			\$178,500								
Kodiak	\$154,841							\$121,357			\$33,484	
Kokhanok	\$46,700											
Kollik	\$878,000			\$780,000								
Kotzebue	\$139,100								\$44,600			
Koyuk	\$89,282											
Koyukuk	\$90,336											
Kuskokwim	\$395,072				\$8,000			\$289,890			\$97,182	
Kwethluk	\$194,767							\$15,464	\$41,957		\$26,948	
Kwigillingok	\$106,137											
Kwinhagak	\$1,402,432			\$612,500							\$241,830	\$207,037
Larsen Bay	\$105,668							\$105,668				

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	HUD-Public and Indian Housing	Education	Justice	FAA	EPA	EEOC	Institute of Museum and Library Services	Labor-Employment and Training Administration	National Endowment For The Arts
Emmonak									
Evansville	\$248,588								
Eyak	\$60,050								
False Pass							\$4,500		
Fort Yukon									
Galena					\$229,236		\$4,500		
Gambell									
Goodnews Bay							\$4,500		
Grayling							\$4,500		
Gulkana Village							\$4,500		
Holy Cross	\$91,889						\$4,500		
Hoonah					\$85,000				
Hughes							\$6,500		
Huslia					\$85,041		\$4,500		
Igiugig					(\$79,706)		\$4,500		
Iliamna							\$4,500		
Kake					\$390,000				
Kaltag					\$25,000				
Kasaan					\$110,000				
Kasigluk	\$520,378								
Ketchikan			\$110,170						
Kiana					\$85,000				
Kipnuk					\$150,000				
Kivalina									
Klawock					\$125,227		\$4,500		
Klukwan					\$60,000				
Knik							\$4,500		
Kobuk									
Kodiak									
Kokhanok	\$46,700								
Kotlik					\$98,000				
Kotzebue					\$90,000		\$4,500		
Koyuk	\$3,000		\$85,282						
Koyukuk					\$83,836		\$6,500		
Kuskokwim									
Kwethluk					\$110,398				
Kwigillingok	\$106,137								
Kwinhagak	\$262,665				\$78,400				
Larsen Bay									

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Recipient	Totals	Federal Departments and Agencies										
		Agriculture			Commerce		Interior				Health and Human Services	
		Food and Nutrition Service	Rural Housing Service	Rural Utilities Service	Economic Development	NOAA	BLM	BIA	NPS	USFWS	IOS	Indian Health Services
Lime Village	\$4,500											
Manokotak	\$123,723											
Mcgrath	\$12,609							\$6,109				
Mekoryuk	\$118,150							\$3,150	\$50,000			
Menlasta	\$145,580											
Metlakalla	\$5,646,228			\$1,031,250				\$2,196,386			\$363,248	\$1,994,188
Naknek	\$177,118							\$8,283	\$68,885			
Nanwalek	\$992,750			\$747,750								
Napaskiak	\$230,094										\$116,630	
Nenana	\$844,955				\$480,000						\$90,000	
New Kolliganek	\$4,500											
Newhalen	\$125,309							\$88,409	\$32,400			
Nightmute	\$630,331			\$500,000								
Nikolaevsk	\$152,500			\$152,500								
Ninilchik	\$553,040			\$15,300								\$533,240
Noatak	\$85,000											
Nondalton	\$46,200											
Noorvik	\$748,290		\$580,000									
Northway	\$9,504							\$5,004				
Nulato	\$393,278							\$193,278				
Old Harbor	\$44,045							\$44,045				
Orutsararmuit	\$562,364										\$62,364	
Ouzinkie	\$81,334							\$74,834				
Pedro Bay	\$40,900								\$36,400			
Petersburg	\$127,549							\$10,415				
Pilot Point	\$6,500											
Pilot Station	\$75,440											
Point Hope	\$228,593							\$15,244			\$213,349	
Port Graham	\$376,124										\$50,000	
Port Lions	\$69,647							\$65,147				
Qagan Tayagungin	\$21,000								\$21,000			
Rampart	\$337,500			\$337,500								
Ruby	\$92,000											
Saint George	\$2,464,712					\$2,444,712						\$20,000
Saint Marys	\$20,000											
Saint Michael	\$149,608											
Saint Paul	\$148,956							\$8,960	\$50,000			
Salamatof	(\$106,148)											
Savoonga	\$100,000										\$100,000	

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	HUD-Public and Indian Housing	Education	Justice	FAA	EPA	EEOC	Institute of Museum and Library Services	Labor-Employment and Training Administration	National Endowment For The Arts
Lime Village							\$4,500		
Manokotak			\$123,723						
Mcgrath							\$6,500		
Mekoryuk					\$65,000				
Mentasta					\$141,080		\$4,500		
Metlakatla					\$56,713	\$25,000	\$4,500	(\$25,057)	
Naknek					\$99,950				
Nanwalek	\$245,000								
Napaskiak	\$77,645		\$30,000						
Nenana	\$270,455						\$4,500		
New Koliganek							\$4,500		
Newhalen							\$4,500		
Nightmute					\$130,331				
Nikolaevsk									
Ninilchik							\$4,500		
Noatak					\$85,000				
Nondalton							\$6,500		
Noorvik					\$168,290				
Northway							\$4,500		
Nulato					\$200,000				
Old Harbor									
Orutsararmuit	\$350,000		\$150,000						
Ouzinkie							\$6,500		
Pedro Bay							\$4,500		
Petersburg					\$117,134				
Pilot Point							\$6,500		
Pilot Station							\$75,440		
Point Hope									
Port Graham	\$326,124								
Port Lions							\$4,500		
Qagan Tayagungin									
Rampart									
Ruby					\$92,000				
Saint George									
Saint Marys									\$20,000
Saint Michael	\$149,608								
Saint Paul					\$89,996				
Salamatof					(\$106,148)				
Savoonga									

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		Food and Nutrition Service	Rural Housing Service	Rural Utilities Service	Economic Development	NOAA	BLM	BIA	NPS	USFWS	IOS	Indian Health Services
Saxman	\$156,207											
Selawik	\$4,500											
Seldovia	\$929,791									\$59,405	\$870,386	
Shaktoolik	\$29,450											
Shishmaref	\$1,050,000				\$1,050,000							
Sitka	\$2,243,628							\$1,280,915	\$118,265		\$321,405	
Stebbins	\$110,000											
Stevens	\$1,351,105						\$1,231,105					
Takotna Village	\$4,500											
Tanacross	\$214,938											
Tanana	\$1,575,000			\$1,500,000								
Tatitlek	\$113,652											
Teller	\$915								\$915			
Togiak	\$1,075,000			\$1,075,000								
Toksook Bay	\$10,009							\$10,009				
Tuluksak	\$85,794											
Tuntutuliak	\$160,882											
Tyonek	\$122,831									\$118,647	\$4,184	
Unalakleet	\$179,590	\$910							\$49,400	\$54,280		
Valdez	\$35,174											\$35,174
Venetie	\$1,104,869							\$233,111				
Wrangell	\$99,133											
Yakutat	\$927,002							\$371,377			\$177,383	\$254,168
Yuplit of Andreafski	\$94,492											
Totals	\$64,669,303	\$910	\$680,000	\$19,459,575	\$3,703,731	\$2,444,712	\$1,482,508	\$8,348,798	\$659,482	\$19,598	\$2,843,350	\$4,533,294

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	HUD-Public and Indian Housing	Education	Justice	FAA	EPA	EEOC	Institute of Museum and Library Services	Labor-Employment and Training Administration	National Endowment For The Arts
Saxman Selawik Seldovia	\$71,207				\$85,000		\$4,500		
Shaktoolik Shishmaref Silka Stebbins	\$29,450		\$523,043		\$110,000				
Stevens Takotna Village Tanacross Tanana					\$120,000 \$214,938 \$75,000		\$4,500		
Tatitlek Teller Togiak Toksook Bay	\$113,652								
Tuluksak Tuntutuliak Tyonek Unalakleet	\$85,794				\$160,882 \$75,000				
Valdez Venetie Wrangell Yakutat Yup'it of Andreaski			\$136,746	\$566,495	\$168,517 \$99,133 \$119,574 \$94,492		\$4,500		
Totals	\$4,888,296	\$271,430	\$7,669,719	\$1,728,692	\$5,632,325	\$25,000	\$282,940	(\$25,057)	\$20,000

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Governments Division, "Federal Assistance Award Data System, Alaska 1999," 1st through 4th Quarters, Flat File - Individual States, <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/laads994.html> (accessed December 1, 2000); Personal communication with Dan Pllum, Project Supervisor, FAADS, U.S. Census Bureau (October 26, 2000); Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Federal Assistance Award Data System User's Guide 1998*, <http://www.census.gov/govs/laads/98bguide.pdf> (accessed December 7, 2000).

Acronyms: NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; BLM - Bureau of Land Management; BIA - Bureau of Indian Affairs; NPS - National Park Service; USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; IOS - Immediate Office of the Secretary; HUD - Housing and Urban Development; FAA - Federal Aviation Administration; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; EEOC - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Table 3 - Federal Expenditures or Obligations Paid Directly to Alaska Cities and Communities

Recipient	Totals	Federal Departments and Agencies								
		Agriculture		Education				Interior		
		Rural Housing	Rural Utilities	Impact Aid	Indian Education	Educational Research and Improvement	Elementary and Secondary Education	BLM	Geological Survey	USFWS
Alakanuk	\$1,050,000		\$1,050,000							
Anaktuvuk Pass	\$363,957									
Anchorage	\$8,401,944									
Barrow	\$1,384,993							\$14,000	\$70,980	
Bethel	\$400,000									
Delta Junction	\$228,285									
Dillingham	\$50,000									\$50,000
Diomedes	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000							
Emmonak	\$228,965									
English Bay	\$528,000		\$528,000							
Fairbanks	\$2,770,113			\$68,837	\$441,909	\$1,013,953	\$276,380			
Fort Yukon	\$100,000									
Gambeli	\$121,099									
Girdwood	\$270,000									
Juneau	\$1,452,240									\$40,000
Kalakaket Creek Radio	\$250,000		\$250,000							
Kenai	\$763,434									
Ketchikan	\$6,602,356			\$5,098	\$136,296					
King Salmon	\$40,000									
Marshall	\$550,000		\$550,000							
Marvel Creek	\$283,200	\$95,800	\$187,400							
Nenana	\$4,573									
Nilitak	\$98,000		\$98,000							
North Pole	\$150,000									
Palmer	\$853,712	\$50,000			\$237,255		\$566,457			
Petersburg	\$18,222									
Pilot Station	\$1,013,250		\$1,013,250							
Quinhagak	\$12,720									\$12,720
Savoonga	\$1,772,250		\$1,772,250							
Selawik	\$2,916,825		\$2,625,000							
Shishmaref	\$85,000									
Silka	\$511,200	\$511,200								
Soldotna	\$338,500									\$38,500
St. Michael	\$153,875									
Tununak	\$35,000									
Unalakleet	\$195,000		\$195,000							
Venetie	\$45,000									
Wasilla	\$1,042,734							\$35,000		
Waterfall	\$700,000		\$700,000							
Yakutat	\$29,026				\$29,026					

Table 3 - Federal Expenditures or Obligations to Alaska Cities and Communities

Federal Departments and Agencies

Recipient	Transportation		Commerce - NOAA	HHS	DOJ	Department of Energy	EPA	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Federal Emergency Management Agency
	FAA	FTA							
Alakanuk									
Anaktuvuk Pass	\$363,957								
Anchorage	\$1,348,124		\$700,000	\$375,531	\$2,400,000			\$32,500	\$515,450
Barrow	\$558,072		\$180,200		\$132,721	\$300,000	\$200,000		
Belhel					\$400,000				
Delta Junction	\$228,285								
Dillingham									
Diomedes									
Emmonak							\$228,965		
English Bay									
Fairbanks					\$450,000				
Fort Yukon							\$100,000		
Gambell					\$121,099				
Girdwood					\$270,000				
Juneau	\$1,238,835						\$173,405		
Kalakaket Creek Radio									
Kenai	\$688,434				\$75,000				
Ketchikan		\$6,345,416					\$15,546		
King Salmon							\$40,000		
Marshall									
Marvel Creek									
Nenana					\$4,573				
Niilak									
North Pole					\$150,000				
Palmer									
Petersburg					\$18,222				
Pilot Station									
Quinhagak									
Savoonga									
Selawik					\$291,825				
Shishmaref							\$85,000		
Sitka									
Soldatna									\$300,000
St. Michael					\$153,875				
Tununak							\$35,000		
Unalakleet									
Venette							\$45,000		
Wasilla	\$892,988				\$112,971				
Waterfall									
Yakutat									

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Recipient	Federal Departments and Agencies		
	HUD	Institute of Museum and Library Services	National Science Foundation
Alakanuk			
Anaktuvuk Pass			
Anchorage	\$2,959,359		
Barrow			
Bethel			
Delta Junction			
Dillingham			
Diomedea			
Emmonak			
English Bay			
Fairbanks			\$519,034
Fort Yukon			
Gambell			
Girdwood			
Juneau			
Kalakaket Creek Radio			
Kenai			
Ketchikan			
King Salmon			
Marshall			
Marvel Creek			
Nenana			
Niilik			
North Pole			
Palmer			
Petersburg			
Pilot Station			
Quinhagak			
Savoonga			
Selawik			
Shishmaref			
Sitka			
Soldatna			
St. Michael			
Tununak			
Unalakleet			
Venetie			
Wasilla		\$1,775	
Waterfall			
Yakutat			

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Acronyms:

BLM - Bureau of Land Management; USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; FAA - Federal Aviation Administration; FTA - Federal Transit Administration; NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; HHS - Health and Human Services; DOJ - Department of Justice; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; HUD - Housing and Urban Development.

Table 4 - Federal Obligations and Expenditures Paid Directly to Recipient by Use, FFY99

City of Recipient*	Economic/ Community Development	Environmental Project	Substance Abuse Treatment	Tribal Program	Water/ Wastewater Program
Akiok				\$16,975	
Akiachak	\$282,682	\$50,000		\$100,000	\$1,500,000
Akiak	\$234,618				
Alakanuk	\$252,110				\$1,050,000
Anchor Point					\$152,500
Anchorage	\$5,852,312	\$4,992,074	\$449,349	\$1,031,918	
Angoon					\$586,500
Aniak	\$13,850	\$100,000		\$94,866	
Annette				\$2,194,070	
Anvik		\$75,000			\$328,500
Arctic Village	\$147,000				
Atmautluak				\$6,283,753	
Aurora				\$7,759,268	
Barrow		\$699,994		\$977,800	
Beaver		\$90,000			\$239,025
Belkofski				\$52,811	
Bell Island				\$1,092,348	
Bethel	\$468,000	\$677,332	\$693,553		
Bettles Field	\$248,588				
Brevig Mission	\$15,000				\$1,875,000
Buckland					\$350,000
Campbell				\$1,888,146	
Campion				\$126,900	
Candle				\$1,421,672	
Chalkyitsik				\$149,499	
Chatham				\$5,161,142	
Chefornak		\$304,665			
Chevak			\$70,000		\$3,793,000
Chignik	\$1,300,000				
Chistochina				\$92,561	
Chugiak		\$180,248			
Circle		\$83,676			
Copper Center		\$80,000	\$424,846	\$988,524	
Cordova	\$142,050	\$76,642			
Craig	\$156,934	\$100,000		\$76,266	
Crooked Creek	\$111,057				
Delta Junction			\$930,214		
Dillingham	\$757,310	\$151,130		\$5,345,298	
Diomede				\$5,222,172	\$2,000,000
Ekwok		\$109,637			
Elim	\$77,850	\$85,000			
Emmonak		\$228,965			
English Bay					\$1,275,750
Fairbanks	\$95,000		\$1,750,250	\$159,115	
False Pass				\$1,356,540	
Fort Yukon		\$328,870	\$467,090		\$462,500
Gakona		\$143,320		\$114,649	
Galena		\$229,236			
Gambell				\$686,459	
Goodnews Bay					\$1,226,500
Haines		\$60,000			
Holy Cross	\$91,889				
Homer	\$545,000				
Hoonah		\$85,000			

Table 4 - Selected Uses of Federal Obligations and Expenditures, FFY99 (continued)

City	Economic/ Community Development	Environmental Project	Substance Abuse Treatment	Tribal Program	Water/ Wastewater Program
Huslia		\$85,041			
Iliamna				\$141,392	
Juneau	\$1,946,794	\$436,723		\$70,000	
Kake		\$390,000		\$444,012	
Kalakaket Creek					\$850,000
Kaltag		\$25,000			
Kasigluk	\$80,960				
Kenai	\$118,000	(\$106,148)		\$434,609	
Ketchikan	\$71,207	\$210,546			
Kiana		\$85,000			\$1,200,000
Kiukuk		\$150,000			
Kivalina					\$221,250
Klawock	\$950,731	\$125,227			
Kobuk					\$178,500
Kokhanok	\$46,700				
Kotlik		\$178,269			\$780,000
Kotzebue	\$580,000	\$155,000		\$158,767	
Koyuk	\$3,000				
Koyukuk		\$83,836			
Kwethluk		\$110,398			
Kwigillingok	\$106,137				
Larsen Bay				\$67,307	
Lower Kalskag	\$136,386				
Marshall					\$550,000
Marvel Creek	\$95,800				\$187,400
Mekoryuk		\$65,000			
Mellakalla	\$337,980	(\$3,287)			\$1,091,250
Moose Pass					\$733,500
Mount Edgecumbe				\$1,280,915	
Mountain Village		\$10,000		\$0	
Naknek		\$99,950			
Napakiak	\$77,645			\$116,630	
Napaskiak			\$30,000		
Nenana	\$750,455			\$90,000	
Nightmute					\$500,000
Nililak					\$98,000
Ninilchik					\$15,300
Noatak		\$85,000			
Nome	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$100,000		
Noorvik		\$168,290			
Nulato		\$200,000		\$166,357	
Old Harbor				\$44,045	
Ouzinkie				\$50,909	
Palmer		(\$11,000)	\$342,914		
Petersburg		\$117,134			
Pilot Station					\$1,013,250
Point Hope				\$133,359	
Port Graham	\$326,124			\$50,000	
Port Lions				\$65,147	
Quinhagak	\$262,665	\$78,400		\$241,830	\$612,500
Rampart					\$337,500
Ruby		\$92,000			
Saint Marys		\$138,242			
Saint Michael	\$149,608				
Saint Paul Island		\$89,996			
Savoonga				\$100,000	\$1,772,250

Table 4 - Selected Uses of Federal Obligations and Expenditures, FFY99 (continued)

City	Economic/ Community Development	Environmental Project	Substance Abuse Treatment	Tribal Program	Water/ Wastewater Program
Saxman East	\$1,200,000				
Selawik					\$2,625,000
Seldovia		\$20,000			
Shaktolik	\$29,450				
Shishmaref	\$1,050,000	\$85,000			
Sitka	\$511,200		\$905,215		
Stebbins		\$110,000			
Stevens		\$120,000			
Tanana		\$87,000			\$1,500,000
Tatitlek	\$113,652				
Togiak					\$1,075,000
Tok		\$356,018			
Tuluksak	\$85,794				
Tununak		\$165,331			
Unalakleet		\$75,000			\$195,000
Unalaska		\$225,000			
Valdez				\$6,300	
Venetie		\$213,517		\$233,111	
Wasilla	\$196,400				
Waterfall					\$700,000
Wrangell		\$99,133			\$724,575
Yakutat		\$119,574		\$471,377	

Notes:

*Recipients include city governments, Native village entities, small businesses, nonprofit groups, nonprofit regional native organizations, housing authorities, health corporations, and school districts.

Economic/ Community Development include programs such as the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants, Special Economic Development & Adjustment Assistance Program, and Certified Development Company Loans.

Environmental Projects include programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Pollution Prevention Grants Program, Environmental Justice Grants, Wetlands Protection Grant,

Substance Abuse Treatment include programs such as National Program For Drug Free Schools And Communities, Communications Program To Prevent Alcohol Abuse, and Drug-Free Communities Support Program.

Tribal Programs include programs such as Aid to Tribal Governments, Indian Self-Determination Contract Support, and Tribal Self-Governance.

Water/Wastewater Programs include programs such as the Water and Waste Disposal System for Rural Communities, and Water Pollution Control.

To produce this table, we compiled data in the four quarterly Federal Assistance Award Data System (FAADS) reports for FFY99. We then attempted to subtract all awards that went through the state budget process. We considered the following entries to be funded through the state budget process: award recipients specifically named "State of Alaska;" awards listing recipient type as "State Government;" awards paid to state agencies and state university programs; and awards paid to other state administered programs. There may have been additional programs funded through the state, but we were unable to identify them using FAADS. Other FAADS limitations include the following: 1) The various federal agencies contributing to FAADS report data very differently, resulting in substantial data inconsistencies. 2) It is difficult to determine what percentage of multi-year awards were actually awarded during federal fiscal year 1999. 3) Funds in the database may be either obligations or expenditures; obligations may be de-obligated and subtracted from FAADS in a subsequent quarter. Negative numbers in this report refer to pre-1999 obligated funds that were de-obligated in FFY99. Any funds listed above may be de-obligated in subsequent years. 4) The database we worked with on this project is immense, containing nearly 8,000 federal awards, and due to the scope of the project, we were unable to verify all the data used in this report. Uncertainties regarding whether or not a particular award went through the state budget process, combined with the limitations of the FAADS database itself, cause us to caution readers that our data should be used to generally indicate federal appropriations, not to account for exact expenditures in FFY99.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Governments Division, "Federal Assistance Award Data System, Alaska 1999," 1st through 4th Quarters, Flat File - Individual States, <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/faads994.html> (accessed December 1, 2000); Personal communication with Dan Pllum, Project Supervisor, FAADS, U.S. Census Bureau (October 26, 2000); Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Federal Assistance Award Data System User's Guide 1998*, <http://www.census.gov/govs/faads/98bgguide.pdf> (accessed December 7, 2000).

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Anthony Lombardo		Covenant House	Y-HB 367
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Sandy Hoback			Y

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**COMMITTEE: HOUSE
HEALTH, EDUCATION &
SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: HB 367-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM COVERAGE**



DATE: February 14, 2002

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Ofelia Harris	1800 Northwood Dr #N107 ^{January} AK	780-3574	Head Start	
Jim Zahar				yes
Goy Lyon	5120 Blueberry Ln	789-5451	NAEYC member	yes
Rosemary Hagood	419 6th St ^{P.O.S} Wrangell	463-6151	Catholic Community Soc	yes
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Walter Cain	630 Degroff St Sitka	747-5913		
SANDY BERRY - PROTEST	327 W 11th #4, TNU		AK NURSES ASSOC.	NO
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February 20, 2002

Richard Benavides
Legislative Aide to Senator Bettye Davis
State Capitol, Room 504
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Benavides:

You recently asked for an election district breakdown of DKC eligible numbers and costs associated with HB367 to be provided in the same format and manner used in previous Medicaid election district information. The information below represents an allocation of eligible numbers and costs that is based on the residence of the eligible person.

Medical Assistance Payments by Election District 150% to 200% FPL Children Projected for HB367 Alaska State Legislature Senate

Senate District	Senator	Political Affiliation	Area Represented	Number of Eligible	FY2001 Expenditures
A	Robin Taylor	R	Wrangell	159	\$245,919
B	Kim Elton	D	Juneau	90	\$165,083
C	Alan Austerman	R	Kodiak/SE	231	\$433,895
D	John Torgerson	R	Soldotna	294	\$451,514
E	Jerry Ward	R	Kenai	132	\$547,661
F	Ben Stevens	R	Anchorage	166	\$300,452
G	Loren Leman	R	Anchorage	118	\$408,439
H	Johnny Ellis	D	Anchorage	185	\$411,493
I	John Cowdery	R	Anchorage	149	\$223,406
J	Dave Donley	R	Anchorage	236	\$359,219
K	Bettye Davis	D	Anchorage	156	\$306,832
L	Randy Phillips	R	Eagle River	108	\$379,161
M	Rick Halford	R	Chugiak	240	\$348,169
N	Lyda Green	R	Wasilla	377	\$455,291
O	Gary Wilken	R	Fairbanks	97	\$95,491
P	Pete Kelly	R	Fairbanks	95	\$157,111
Q	Gene Therriault	R	North Pole	128	\$397,247
R	Georgianna Lincoln	D	Rampart	178	\$292,641
S	Donald Olson	D	Kotzebue	352	\$648,048
T	Lyman Hoffman	D	Bethel	193	\$270,445
OOS			Out-of-State	3	\$2,959
Unknown			Unknown	135	\$134,031
TOTAL				3,821	\$7,034,507

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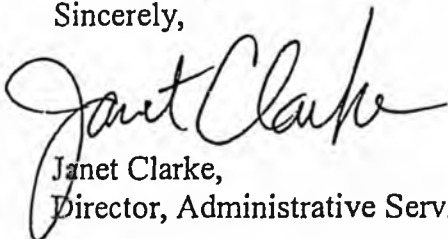
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Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives

House District	Representative	Political Affiliation	Area Represented	Number of Eligible	FY2001 Expenditures
1	Bill Williams	R	Ketchikan	59	\$92,310
2	Peggy Wilson	R	Sitka	100	\$153,609
3	Beth Kertula	D	Juneau	42	\$75,454
4	Bill Hudson	R	Juneau	48	\$89,630
5	Albert Kookesh	D	Iceworm	118	\$184,895
6	Gary Stevens	R	Kodiak	113	\$249,001
7	Drew Scalzi	R	Homer	186	\$300,724
8	Ken Lancaster	R	Soldotna	108	\$150,789
9	Mike Chenault	R	Kenai	79	\$487,399
10	Joseph Green	R	Anchorage	52	\$60,262
11	Norman Rokeberg	R	Anchorage	74	\$114,666
12	Andrew Halcro	R	Anchorage	51	\$185,786
13	Ethan Berkowitz	D	Anchorage	61	\$109,718
14	Lisa Murkowski	R	Anchorage	57	\$298,722
15	Eric Croft	D	Anchorage	61	\$121,771
16	Gretchen Guess	D	Anchorage	124	\$289,721
17	Lesli McGuire	R	Anchorage	127	\$204,260
18	Con Bunde	R	Anchorage	22	\$19,146
19	Kevin Meyer	R	Anchorage	116	\$127,498
20	Brian Porter	R	Anchorage	120	\$231,721
21	Sharon Cissna	D	Anchorage	81	\$184,099
22	Harry Crawford	D	Anchorage	75	\$122,733
23	Eldon Mulder	R	Anchorage	44	\$66,577
24	Pete Kott	R	Eagle River	64	\$312,584
25	Fred Dyson	R	Eagle River	97	\$164,477
26	Vic Kohring	R	Wasilla	143	\$183,692
27	Scott Ogan	R	Palmer	152	\$146,585
28	Beverly Masek	R	Willow	225	\$308,706
29	John Davies	D	Fairbanks	47	\$39,092
30	Joe Hayes	D	Fairbanks	49	\$56,399
31	Jim Whitaker	R	Fairbanks	60	\$108,964
32	John Coghill, Jr.	R	North Pole	35	\$48,147
33	Hugh 'Bud' Fate	R	North Pole	83	\$231,701
34	Jeannette James	R	North Pole	45	\$165,546
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Unknown			Unknown	135	\$134,031
TOTAL				3,821	\$7,034,507

Please contact me at 465-1630 should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Clarke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Janet Clarke,
Director, Administrative Services

cc: Jay Livey, Commissioner
Elmer Lindstrom, Deputy Commissioner
Bob Labbe/Nancy Burns, Division of Medical Assistance
Laura Baker, Chief Budget Analyst

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February 5, 2002

The Honorable John Coghill
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: CORRECTION to Denali Kid-Care benefit reductions

Dear Representative Coghill:

You were recently provided with information pertaining to a shift in Denali Kid-Care benefits from 200% to 150% poverty rate. That data extracted at that time resulted in incorrect information being provided. Below is the corrected information:

How many people (children and adults) would lose benefits with a shift of the poverty rate from 200% to 150%?

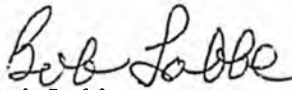
Reducing Medicaid coverage for pregnant women and children from the current income limit of 200% of the federal poverty level to 150% of the federal poverty level will result in 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women losing coverage. It will not be until the 3rd year that a savings of \$16.9 million in total funds will be realized (\$1.7 million GF for children, and \$3.3 million GF for pregnant women). # 5 x-106 THAT SAVING.

Full cost savings will not be achieved until the third year because children are eligible for six months under continuous eligibility provisions, pregnant women are eligible through 2 months postpartum, and regulations must be adopted to implement any law passed to affect Medicaid eligibility. Assuming that regulations go into effect on October 1, 2002, children will drop off Medicaid coverage through February 2003; pregnant women will drop off coverage through June of 2003. Claims for these services can be submitted up to one year from the date of service, although the majority of claims are filed within three months of service.

We apologize for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bob Labbe
Director

cc: Members of House HESS Committee
Anna Kim, Legislative Finance
Jay Livey, Commissioner
Elmer Lindstrom, Deputy Commissioner
Bob Labbe/Nancy Burns/Nancy Weller, DMA
Laura Baker, Budget Chief, DAS

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(File 2)

2/9/02

Subject: Denali Kid Care

Date: Sat, 02 Feb 2002 18:52:38 -0900

From: Tom Conley <prophet@ptialaska.net>

To: Fred Dyson <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Representative Dyson, , The introduction of HB 367 calling for the reduction of income eligibility for enrollment in Denali Kid Care from 200% to 150% of the poverty level is distressing. The program has proved a real boon to the working poor who often hold jobs with limited benefits and who therefore have limited ability to secure medical services for their children. Since these children now qualify during both prenatal and postnatal life, the potential harm to them in the long run is significant. Though the deletion of these 7000 children and 700 pregnant mothers from the eligibility list may stand to save the state some funds in the short term, its potential for saddling the state with long term costs for the care of chronically ill children and young adults is significant. The program has proved both effective and humane at a quite reasonable cost. It is estimated that the reduction in eligibility is likely to save the state about \$8 to \$8.5 million annually (the bulk of the program being federally funded). The upside of the proposal in short-term savings can in no way offset the downside of long-term expense. There is no way to calculate the cost in human terms of course, nor would I try, but it is the bottom line. I would therefore urge you not to enact this proposal.

Sincerely,

Thomas L Conley, MD.FAAP // Pediatrician, Sitka

DEAR _____
WITH A BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET
DEFICIT FACING THE STATE, WE CANNOT DO
EVERYTHING WE WANT FOR EVERYONE. THERE
IS NO DEFINATE STUDY THAT SHOWS ~~HARD~~
OUR QUALIFICATION THRESHOLD IS THE RIGHT
LEVEL. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE QUALIFICATION
LEVEL SHOULD BE.

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Public Opinion Message

Contact your nearest Legislative Information Office to send your POM
 This form must be completely filled out. You may phone, fax, or deliver your POM to any LIO.

From: Please PRINT the information below. This form must be signed by the sender.

Mr. / Ms. / Mrs.	First name <i>Ms. Demetria</i>	M.I. <i>N</i>	Last name <i>Hall</i>	Jr. / Sr. / III
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Mailing address <i>6410 Reagent Dr. Anch. AK</i>				Zip code <i>99504</i>
Residence (street) address (different from mailing address)				Zip code
Email address			Signature <i>Demetria N. Hall</i>	Date <i>Feb. 17-2002</i>

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February 22, 2002

Dear House HESS Member:

Enclosed is a resolution approved via email by the Success By 6 Governance Board, supporting funding for Denali KidCare at the Current Level. I emailed you a draft copy of this resolution last Wednesday afternoon in time for your committee hearing on February 21st.

Thank you for holding the bill in committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy".

Peggy Robinson, Director

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Resolution in Support of Funding for Denali KidCare at the Current Level 2002-4

Whereas, in 1996 more than one out of every three children 17 years old or younger in the United States were not covered by private health insurance; and

Whereas, in 1997 Congress adopted the State Child Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP), which allows states to access federal Medicaid funds to provide insurance for uninsured children in working and non-working families. Approximately 71% of the cost is from the federal government; and

Whereas, Denali KidCare, as Alaska's CHIP, began offering health care insurance coverage March 1, 1999 to uninsured Alaskan children and to pregnant Alaskan women; and

Whereas, many employers are not able to pay for dependent health care insurance due to continuously rising costs^{1,2}, nor are the employees able to afford the coverage as employers shift more or all of the costs to the employees³; and

Whereas, a family of four qualifies if their family income is less than \$44,140 per year (\$3678 per month); and

Whereas, between its inception and June 2000, over 15,000 additional Alaskan children from low-income working families have health insurance through Denali KidCare⁴; and

Whereas, the availability of Denali KidCare has allowed parents formerly on welfare to obtain paying jobs without fear of losing coverage for their children; and

Whereas, insured children are more likely to receive well-baby/well-child care, adequate and timely immunizations, and have health care problems discovered and treated earlier; and

Whereas, for every dollar spent on prenatal care, more than three are saved in lower costs for treating the consequences of low birth weight and prematurity⁵; and

¹ Alaskan businesses report a 10% increase in premium rates from 2001 to 2002. Credit Suisse First Boston, *2002 Benefit Manager Survey*, 15 January 2002, 34.

² The percentage of Anchorage employers paying the full cost of benefits for their employees has decreased by over 50% in the last 8 years for businesses with more than 50 employees, to about 20%. Catherine Schumacher, *Anchorage Access to Health Care Coalition Health Insurance Benefits Survey*, September 2001.

³ At least 30% of surveyed Anchorage businesses pay none of the dependent health insurance premium costs. The average additional dependent premiums cost \$340 per month. Ibid.

⁴ Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, *Welfare Reform Status Report 2000*, available from www.hss.state.alaska.us/publications/3annrreport.pdf; accessed 20 September 2001.

Whereas, early and consistent prenatal care decreases the risk of death or disability for both the mother and child;

Whereas, uninsured Alaskans are more likely to use expensive emergency room services and to have more serious health problems once they do get treatment; and

Whereas, non-profit health care providers have experienced a continual rise in uncompensated care. For example, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center has experienced an increase of 43% from 1997-2000 (\$646,000)⁶; and

Whereas, the current cost per year to the State of Alaska for Denali KidCare is \$552 per child and \$4580 per pregnant woman and newborn child until 2 months old; and

Whereas, if the change in eligibility from 200% of Federal Poverty Level to 150% goes into effect, it is estimated that 3821 children and 722 pregnant women and newborns will lose health care coverage; and


Whereas, the State of Alaska will save approximately \$5 million dollars, but will give up almost \$12 million in matching Federal funds;

Whereas, these 4543 Alaskan will increase the pressure on health providers for uncompensated care; and

Whereas, absences from school and undiagnosed or untreated hearing, vision, dental, or health problems negatively affect the children's ability to learn and increase the schools' costs for remediation;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Success By 6 Governance Board strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to continue to accept Alaskans with up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Rate for the Denali KidCare Program.

Approved via email distribution by the Success By 6 Governance Board on February 20, 2002.


Ernie Hall, Chair

⁵ Center for Health Economics Research, *Access To Health Care*, 1993.

⁶ Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, *Newsletter June/July 2001*, page 2.

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Testimony re: HB 367

My name is Cynthia Ebelacker. I am here representing the AK Nurse Practitioners and the AK Nurses Association. I also own a small private clinic in Eagle River.

You have my written statements that I turned in Tuesday, and which I hope you will have time to read. They mention some of my personal experiences with Denali Kid Care in the last 3 years.

Today I would like to address some of the issues that came up during Tuesday's testimonies

- I agree that we should be fiscally responsible but there seems to be some misconceptions about who qualifies for Denali
 - People aren't flooding in to get on Denali Care. Many who do qualify aren't even aware it exists
 - The parents who qualify for Denali do not professional or white collar workers who usually have access to other insurance
 - It's the blue collar workers and self-employed workers who qualify for Denali.
 - Despite opinion to the contrary, Eagle River is not predominantly an affluent society. At least 65% of my clinic population is able to see me only because they have Denali insurance they live in the rundown apartments and trailers off the main road through Eagle River. They walk with

their babies and toddlers to reach our clinics, even in the winter. We know our clientele and where they live and what they drive, and what jobs they have. We usually get them on Denali as soon as possible.

- These families you want to deny coverage to are the ones who work hard - building and plumbing and working at the fast food stores, and Walmart. They do pay taxes and many of them do vote.

- The difference for many is that 3 years ago, their children would almost never have received any preventative care, and they would have had to go to the ER when their kids were really sick. If Denali goes away for them, they will once again be forced to utilize the ER as their local "doc" - an annual bigger financial burden to the state.

- Our state has the dubious honor of leading the nation in the number of infant and mother deaths and yet you're thinking of cutting 722 ^{pregnant} women off from Denali and thus prenatal care. Without Denali, most of these women will not see a healthcare provider until they come in to deliver. A good number of these babies will be born prematurely.

- If you haven't looked at the cost to the state for each baby born - before 25 wks, I have. I called the Maternal and Child Coordinator for Providence. Each child costs us upwards of a qtr of a million dollars each for their hospital stay.

I have been trying since Tuesday to get my calls returned from several different departments at First Health pertaining to the topic of how many Denali families have outside insurance as well.

Under Denali, you can have another medical insurance but you allowed ~~max~~ monthly income for a family of 4 drops from \$36791 monthly to a much lower amt in order for them to still be covered. The answers I did receive from the supervisors that I called, were that there wasn't some great number of abusers in the Denali system. I can supply you with these names & numbers in order to satisfy your interest in the matter.

The parents that this bill will penalize, are for the most part working and trying hard to get above water and out of public assistance. Their children now get preventative healthcare and get their chronic needs met, critical surgeries and referrals get done - and believe it or not, then their lives improve and they do no longer as big drain on the state resources.

Last, I would like to state that Denali helps clinics like mine, as well as the other larger pediatric clinics and hospitals to survive. Any medical provider will tell you that Denali does not make anyone rich. The reasons we all embrace Denali have more to do with the joy for many of us at seeing the amazing impact of finally receiving healthcare, that Denali has brought to the lives of our families and children.

Subject: HB 367 - Bill to cut Denali Kid Care

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February 20, 2002

Dear HESS committee members,

I am writing to express my concern over the HB367 proposal to make cuts in the Denali KidCare budget. The proposal would effectively cut mental health services to 375-400 of Alaska's children and medical services to 4,000-7,000 Alaskan families. As a mental health professional these cuts are disturbing, as I understand the long-term consequences that occur to individuals and communities when health and mental health needs go unmet.

Nationwide, the amount of mental health problems among even our youngest children is at an all time high. The agency I work for recently surveyed child care providers in Alaska and found that their primary training and consultation needs revolve around serving children who experience emotional and behavioral health problems. If these children and their families can't have access to basic mental health services at an early age, they are very likely to develop permanent mental health illnesses as adults that often cause a much greater burden upon society than dollars spent on preventive services, such as DKC.

I strongly urge you to vote against this bill and vote to protect Alaska's vulnerable children and families. Thank you for your time and consideration.

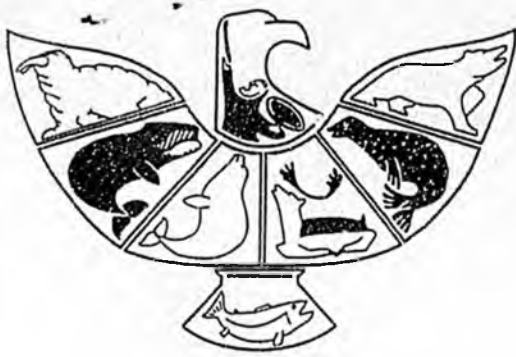
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Written Testimony for the House HESS Committee

Presented by: **Trudy Anderson**

February 11, 2002

My name is Trudy Anderson. I am the Consumer Awareness Manager of the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB). ANHB is a statewide non-profit corporation that was established more than 30 years ago for the purpose of "promoting the spiritual, physical, mental, social and cultural well-being and pride of Alaska Native people." The Board of Directors of ANHB include Alaska Native regional and village health providers from across the State. In most cases, these organizations are the only health care providers for their region, serving both Alaska Natives and non-Natives who would otherwise have virtually no access to health care services.

I am going to provide my testimony in three parts: 1) An overview of the Alaska Native Statewide Health Care Delivery System; 2) An overview of the funding provided for operating the programs, functions, services, and activities throughout the health care delivery system; 3) An overview of Denali Kid Care, and; 4) The effects of IHS Beneficiaries use of the Denali Kid Care Program.

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Overview of The Alaska Native Statewide Health Care Delivery System

The heart of the Alaska Native Health System is the 468 Community Health Aides working in 178 village clinics throughout rural Alaska. The IHS beneficiaries in remote villages do not have daily access to physician care. They rely on the medical attention of the Health Aide.

There are six regional hospitals operated by the following Native regional organizations. They are: Maniilaq, Inc. located in Kotzebue, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Norton Sound Health Corporation located in Nome, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Arctic Slope Native Association located in Barrow, and Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka.

The Alaska Native Health Care Delivery System consists of both consortiums and individually operated service units. A typical consortium infrastructure includes village clinics, possibly several sub-regional clinics, and a regional hospital. The rural health organizations typically serve areas as sole community providers. They may also serve the entire population, regardless of race.

The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) is located in Anchorage and provides essential tertiary care, acute care and specific statewide health services for all Indian Health Service beneficiaries. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Southcentral Foundation jointly manage the facilities that provide the full continuum of care within the Alaska Native Health Campus.

The AK Native Health System reflects levels of care available within the village, the regional hospitals, and the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), located in Anchorage. The Medivac is essential to receive the next step up of care from the village to the regional hospital. If the case is deemed serious enough, a Medivac can be directed from the village straight to ANMC. There are

Medivac cail-outs from Regional Hospitals to ANMC, and also from ANMC to more specialized hospitals in the lower-48.

Overview Of Funding

With the construction of the new Alaska Native Medical Center and the Primary Care Center, there is a perception that Alaska Native Health Services are amply funded. The reality is that the system is significantly under-funded. Indian people have long experienced disproportionately low health status and a large gap in health care resources compared to other Americans. Recently, Congress requested a health status and resource deficiency report for each Indian tribe or service unit. The IHS charged a Level of Need Funded (LNF) Workgroup to develop the necessary methodology. This report, published April 2001, states that Alaska is only funded at 61% of the total need compared to the Federal Employee Health Benefits Package. It is important to know that the SCHIP funds are 100% reimbursed by the federal government and is included in this percentage.

Overview of Denali KidCare

The Denali KidCare Program is cheap - \$552 per year, per child in State funds. To save the Alaska Legislature money by reducing the Denali KidCare Program would actively harm people receiving care – by eliminating services for pregnant women and children and cutting reimbursement to providers, which will reduce access. Denali KidCare provides insurance to pregnant women and children that have no other access to health care services. Reducing the program would be a huge detriment to the health of Alaskan citizens.

Alaskan children and pregnant women need this program as it makes it possible for them to obtain health insurance, which would, otherwise, be impossible. In addition, it is a program for the low-income “working poor”, and meets the basic need for Alaska parents to be able to provide health care for their children while working at a low paying job without benefits. Denali KidCare makes it

possible for families to get off welfare and they can still provide for their children's health care needs. Welfare reform in Alaska is working successfully to keep people off welfare and cash assistance and keeping people off welfare means more money for support services needed by working families such as health insurance for children.

As an advocate for Alaska Native Health issues, this proposed cut will affect the Alaska Natives enrolled in this program and will deprive them of healthcare, which they otherwise would receive if enrolled in the Denali KidCare Program. Specifically, over 30% currently enrolled in the Denali Kidcare Program are Alaska Native women and children.

In addition, prenatal care is the single most cost-effective health care expenditure, ensuring the best birth outcome for the baby. It is in effect, the best method for assuring a health start for Alaskan children.

The Effects of Cutting Denali KidCare Program

HB 367, if adopted by the Legislature, will reduce the income levels for Denali KidCare so that 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women lose health care coverage. This change will save the state \$5 million dollars when fully implemented, while giving up \$11.9 million in Federal Funds.

WHY COVER HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN?

- Health care insurance coverage for children is cheap - \$552 per year, per child in state funds.
- With Denali KidCare, nearly 71 cents of every dollar spent is federal funds; only 29 cents comes from state general funds.
- Services for children enrolled in Denali KidCare who also are eligible for Tribal Health Services are paid for with 100% federal funds.
- Health care insurance is vital to the wellbeing of Alaska's children.
- Children with health care coverage are more likely to receive well-baby/well-child care, adequate immunizations, and have health care problems discovered early.
- Denali KidCare helps working families who work in jobs with no benefits to provide health care for their children.

- The state used part of the \$30 million savings from the Medicaid federal match rate change to expand coverage for children and pregnant women.
- Program elimination will result in a huge loss of federal funds for health care.

WHY COVER HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN?

- Prenatal care is the single most cost-effective health care expenditure.
- Prenatal care ensures the best birth outcome for the baby.
- Prenatal care is the best method of assuring a healthy start for Alaskan children.

The Alaska Native Health Board encourages the Alaska State Legislature not to reduce the Denali KidCare Program and therefore lower the wellness of Alaskans pregnant women and children for the benefit of fiscal conservation.

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My name is Cynthia Ebelacker. I am past president and current board member of the Alaska Nurse Practitioner Association. There are over 425 nurse practitioners in Alaska. Altogether we care for thousands of Denali Kid Care patients. *I am also here representing the Alaska Nurses' Association*

I also own a small private clinic in Eagle River. Sixty five percent of my pediatric patients and pregnant women are able to see me because they have Denali Kid Care. Since the Kid Care insurance came on board in March of 1999, I have seen small miracles happen every day.

We could just look at the practical side of this extremely affordable health insurance for children.

- It doesn't seem logical to lose \$11.9 million federal aid dollars to save a mere \$5 million dollars of state dollars while denying badly needed healthcare to our children.
- In a state with the dubious honor of leading the nation with its infant and maternal mortality rates, do we really want to deny prenatal care to over 700 women? The cost of healthcare for very small premature infants is hundreds of thousands of dollars for each baby. You would do well to look at the rate of premature births among lower income women who qualified for Denali Kid Care over the last 3 years. I think you will find a big decrease in numbers of premie births from the rate prior to DKC making prenatal care available to hundreds of women.
- Nearly a third of the Denali dollars have been spent on mental health care for children. It makes sense if you consider that children whose health and development are often neglected at a critical early stage, will eventually require more of our health care dollars to fix problems that could have been prevented with early detection and treatment.

But enough of strictly pragmatic evidence that Denali has and will continue to be cost effective healthcare due to its extremely preventative nature. You have those figures in front of you.

We should put some faces on the small miracles that Denali has brought us. During the special well-baby & well-child exams called Early Periodic Screening & Developmental Testing DKC children get very comprehensive visits with a medical provider. Often it's the first preventative care visit they've ever had. As a result, many serious health care problems have been discovered.

In my own practice the results have been amazing and when you multiply the similar experiences by the number of medical practitioners seeing Denali patients - we have had a great impact on health care by Denali Kid Care.

Take 7yr old Darci, a very advanced Down's Syndrome child - she is one of the highest functioning Down's kids that I've ever seen. Her language and cognitive and social skills are almost normal for her age level. But 3 years ago this wasn't the case. When she saw me for a

well-child check-up at the age of 4, she wasn't talking, she had no energy and seemed very slow and severely retarded. At this visit I noticed an unusual heart murmur and I sent her to a cardiologist right away. Mom could afford to see him because the child had Denali Kid Care. Within a week she had life changing cardiac surgery to repair a serious narrowing in her heart vessels and within a few months she also got the ear tube surgery she needed to stop her chronic ear infections - and today she is a productive young member of society instead of a drain on our state's resources.

Then there's 9 year old William, who was sent to me for a physical from school because he was doing so badly -- not focusing, exhibiting acting out behaviors, looking neglected and seeming terribly small for his age. I performed an in-depth exam that included hearing testing, blood testing for anemia and urine testing. I discovered that he had no ear drums; they had ruptured repeatedly as a small child when dad couldn't afford to bring him for medical care. He was also suffering from signs of malnutrition. His single parent dad was almost deaf himself because of the lack of healthcare he received for his bad ears as a child. Denali Kid Care helped William get his eardrums repaired and he got medicine to treat his anemia. Our clinic rather adopted his family and this year we helped the family get food and toys and household items that were donated from around town. His teachers have called me to praise his improvements in language and demeanor. He will be a much better adjusted member of our future society and he has Denali Kid Care to thank for that.

These are just two of the hundreds of stories I could tell. I have sent dozens of children on consults for ear surgery, tonsillectomies, hernia repairs, serious developmental delays in speech and motor skills, orthopedic surgeries, overwhelming tooth decay and abscesses and severe mental health disturbances.

I could provide you with evidence of the positive outcomes this care has made possible. I keep very detailed records. The bottom line is that rather than becoming a continual drain on our resources these children actually get better and they require less care down the way.

The small investment the state of Alaska makes to provide health care access has had unseen benefits and has improved the lives of whole families because their children's many needs are identified and met.

Young pregnant women who previously received little preventative care during the critical early prenatal stages, now are identified with their first positive pregnancy test, we get them right on the program and closely follow them to a safe delivery of a healthy infant-then we closely monitor that infant with well child exams. We need to look at the mortality rates for mothers and infants in Anchorage and local communities since Denali Kid Care started.

Before you decide to save a few dollars in the big scheme of things, have you done your homework to see what a difference Denali insurance has made in the lives of thousands of Alaskans? We can take pride in the program Alaska has developed-it's far superior to those in many other states.

Denali Kid Care is an investment in our future by assuring that today's children become tomorrow's healthy, productive citizens. It equalizes the healthcare field so that all of Alaska's children may lead healthier lives-not just the children of the privileged few. Raising children today without adequate health care insurance should not be a source of pride-nor should it be the standard that Alaskan children are held to. None of our children should have to suffer physical or emotional pain due to a lack of affordable health care insurance.



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In addition to medical costs, families of individuals with disabilities often face higher than normal costs which should be taken into consideration when establishing their eligibility for programs such as Denali Kid Care.

- ◆ Many individuals have special dietary requirements that result in increased food costs. Some disabilities limit the body's ability to absorb certain vitamins and minerals, requiring individual with these disabilities to have a diet rich in these nutrients. Some people have adverse reactions to the more inexpensive sources of important nutrients. In extreme cases, gastrointestinal conditions and the side effects of medications may require individuals to limit their food intake to expensive liquid diets.
- ◆ Individuals with disabilities may require special clothing if their bodies do not fit into standard clothing; this clothing may only be available through specialized firms or might have to be custom made. In either case such clothing costs more than clothing available "off the rack."
- ◆ Families may incur higher than average utility expenses if a family member relies on electric powered devices such as a respirator. Individual who are sensitive to small temperature fluctuations may incur higher than normal costs for heating and cooling their homes.
- ◆ Child care for a child with a disability may be very expensive for the family. Child care providers may charge higher rates to care for a child with a disability.

All of these items can add up to increased costs to the family of a child with a disability. Such costs need to be taken into consideration when establishing the income threshold for a program such as Denali Kid Care. While 200 percent of the federal poverty level may seem like sufficient income on paper, in reality the additional costs which the family must pay may be placing families well under the poverty level.

Creating Change That Improves The Lives Of People With Disabilities

According to a State Health Care Briefing Book developed by the National Center For Policy Analysis, the cost for prenatal care can be as low as a couple of hundred dollars while the average cost of providing medical care to a premature baby is almost \$20,000 more than the cost of a normal birth. This same briefing points out that preventive care is not cost effective if provided to the *entire population* but is cost effective if targeted to those who cannot access such services without a program such as Denali Kid Care.

The 1997 Annual Report of the North Coast Health Ministry based in Lakewood Ohio states that even when families making 200 percent of the federal poverty level have insurance their coverage is for catastrophic events only. The report further states that it is the experience of the North Coast Health Ministry that many patients do not seek out preventive care as the cost is too prohibitive, and when people don't have coverage (either private insurance or Medicaid) they are forced to utilize emergency room services which are the most expensive form of health care.

We must all work together to find reasonable and effective ways to manage Medicaid costs, but not by cutting programs when such cuts will force children and families into high cost emergency services. Preventive and ongoing services such as Denali Kid Care must be provided for those families with the greatest need and least access to private insurance.

HB367

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February 12, 2002

Representative Dyson and HESS Committee:

I am here today to speak both in a professional and a personal capacity. I am the manager of St. Francis House, a program of Catholic Social Services, that delivers emergency services to economically struggling families; and, I am also the grandmother of a bubbly, generous 13 year old girl, who will no longer have health insurance if this bill passes into law. I have worked in this community for over 30 years, most of that time for non-profit, human service oriented programs. I am guilty of choosing mission over financial reward. For better or for worse my daughter has chosen the same path and holds a key position in a well known non-profit agency that provides a vital public service in Anchorage. She is a single mother, who works very hard and brings home \$1,944 each month. Out of that she must pay an \$800 mortgage, \$200 in utility payments, \$200 car payment, \$80 car insurance, vehicle gas and maintenance, food, clothing, school supplies, and personal items, for herself and her daughter, and medical and prescription co-payments. There is no conceivable way that she can afford the \$450 dependent premium to cover her child on her agency's insurance plan. So, if HB 367 should pass, my granddaughter will once again be in the position that she has been in most of her life: balanced precariously on the tightrope of existence with no safety net beneath her and with little or no preventative health care.

I appeal to you on behalf of my own family and the families of many of my colleagues, as well as many of those families that we serve in our programs. Please do not try to bolster the state budget by putting our children, our most precious resource, at risk.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House, HESS
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I am very concerned about the passage of this bill as my family falls between the 150% - 200% poverty. Without this coverage for my daughters, we would be literally homeless. I think it is important to do my best to provide for my girls but without insurance it would not be possible. Taking care of a small medical problem before it escalated into an emergency room visit has been very helpful. I am unable to work more hours at this time and could not pay for independent insurance as my employer does not offer it. Working as an advocate for families that have an individual with a disability, has also opened my eyes. Many families would be more likely to go back to A-TAP and other state funded programs. This would ultimately cost the state more money and make families more dependent on the state.

Signed: Debra J. Henscher

Testifier

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I am opposed to HB 367 because pregnant women need help. As a PTA Member of Fairview Christian School. I can tell who has and who has not had proper prenatal care. Fetuses need proper nutrition and regular prenatal doctors inspections. If we help young mothers, children and babies in the womb we will save money in the long run. We need to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome and make nutrition. Mothers and children need to eat right to prevent spine, intestinal and nerve disorders. Medical coverage early to prevent problems for 122 pregnant or more women. Please we we have a federal match. I do not want to have hospital rates raised due to unpaid emergency visits due to budget cuts.

Signed: Regina Mantuifel
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February 12, 2002

Fred Dyson
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RE: 11B 367 Hearing

I am a single parent with four children (three at home), work full time and attend the University of Alaska half time in order to secure a future for my children and myself. Even with full time employment, I still struggle financially and need some temporary support until I have completed my education.

Denali KidCare has been a wonderful benefit for our family. I no longer have to decide if they can make it until Monday because I cannot afford to take them to a doctor gambling their health over money. It has made access to medical treatment more available by reducing the financial burden that is often expected at time of treatment. My children no longer have to ask, "Can we afford glasses or medicine."

Denali KidCare has decreased the stress level in our home by affording access to needed medical care for my children.

Sincerely,

Geri Heiner
Geri Heiner
UAA Student/Mother

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February 12, 2002

The Honorable Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Room 104
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Dyson,

On behalf of the Medical Care Advisory Committee, I would like to express the committee's concern regarding House Bill 367. Required by federal law, the Alaska Medical Care Advisory Committee is responsible for advising the State's Medicaid agency on policy and program changes to the Medicaid program. The committee members include health care consumers and providers from across the state of Alaska.

The Medical Care Advisory Committee has had the opportunity to provide input to the Department of Health and Social Services on the Denali KidCare program throughout its development. We have heard from consumers and providers about their experiences with the Denali KidCare program. From our review, we learned that the program has been overwhelming successful in reaching needy families and has contributed immensely to the stability of these families. We also learned that parents were able to stay employed even if their children got ill because their children had health care coverage through the Denali KidCare program. These families feel empowered that they can both maintain employment and provide the right care for their children.

From the beginning, the Medical Care Advisory Committee supported the development of Denali KidCare program for a number of reasons. Numerous studies have documented that the percentage of children without health insurance has grown rapidly in recent years. Contributing significantly to the declining trend in health insurance is the decline in employer financial support for health care coverage for their employee's dependents. Families who meet the income eligibility guidelines for Denali KidCare often do not have the option of an employer financed health insurance plan for their dependents, and even if they do, they can not afford to pay their share of the health care premiums, deductibles, and copayments. The Medical Care Advisory Committee knows that children without health care coverage are six times more likely to go without needed medical care, five times more likely to use the hospital emergency room as a regular source of care, and four times more likely to have necessary care delayed. It is important to a child's

because their care will now be minimized and will lose its continuity. Some are adult women trying to get their collective feet on the ground who require obstetrical care.

Cutting this safety net could drive some of them back onto welfare, or into despair, or into divorce. At the very least it will further marginalize these families and certainly decrease their access to quality medical care.

For humanitarian reasons, for financial reasons, for common sense reasons, I urge you to vote NO on HB 367.

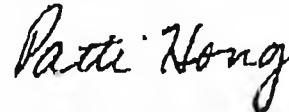
Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David B. Alexander" followed by a stylized flourish.

development that they receive appropriate medical care. If a child develops a chronic health problem, studies have shown that it can affect that child's health and well being for decades to come and children, especially young children, should receive annual doctor visits to monitor their growth and development. Children without health care coverage are also more likely to be missing some of their immunizations.

For these reasons, the Medical Care Advisory Committee strongly supports the Denali KidCare program and urges the Legislature to maintain the current eligibility for the program.

Sincerely,



Patti Hong, RN
Chair

Medical Care Advisory Committee members:

David Alexander, MD, Anchorage
Sam "Lavada" Bush, Fairbanks
Jim Culley, Valdez
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Kathy Dillard, Kodiak
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The National Association of Social Workers is the world's largest organization of social workers, with 155,000 members including over 500 members in Alaska. NASW is committed to the concept of social justice and will advocate for the well-being of individuals, families and communities in Alaska. NASW supports the vital role of government in providing for basic human needs and will promote policies that empower people to live more humane, productive, and independent lives. The Alaska Chapter of NASW is concerned about a range of issues that affect the quality of life for all Alaskans and the ability of social workers to provide quality services.

HB 367 "Medical Assistance Program Coverage"

Chairman Dyson, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to address you today on HB 367. My name is Sarah Lewis and I am a member of the Social Action Committee of the National Association of Social Workers Alaska Chapter. The NASW Alaska Chapter strongly opposes HB 367 and its impact on reducing access to health care for children and pregnant women currently eligible for the Denali KidCare Program.

NASW is a membership organization representing over 500 professional social workers in Alaska. Each day our members serve children and pregnant women who directly benefit from the health care services they can access through Denali KidCare. Health care insurance is vital to the wellbeing of Alaska's children, which is why Denali KidCare has brought such a positive impact to our children since its inception in 1999.

Pregnant women enrolled in Denali KidCare are eligible to receive prenatal care and give their future children a healthy start in life. Children with Denali KidCare coverage are more likely to receive well-baby and well-child care, immunizations and will have health problems identified and treated early. These are all critical cost savings for all tax payers. At \$522 per child for the state's contribution, Alaska is able to match federal grant funds and to provide eligible children and pregnant women critical care health care services – a WIN-WIN for Alaska.

HB 367 proposes a reduction in the eligibility to 150% of the federal poverty level, directly impacting working families in Alaska who are striving to provide the best for their kids -- yet who work in jobs with no health care benefits for their families. If HB 367 passes, 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women will lose their health care coverage. When uninsured children and pregnant women's health needs are not provided, we all pay -- for more expensive care in hospital emergency rooms and clinics, for treatment of chronic illnesses, as well as the long terms costs of infants born with low birth weights, poor health outcomes and intensive care needs.

HB 367 is heralded as a cost savings to Alaskans, yet the \$5 million saved today results in giving up \$11.9 million in federal funds and compromising the health of our children. Short sighted budget cuts like this are ineffective policy, especially when we need long term fiscal planning and responsible investment in our future -- Alaska's children. On behalf of five hundred NASW Alaska Chapter members, I urge you to table HB 367.

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Testimony on HB 367

I'm a pediatrician in Anchorage and I am testifying for myself and, with their concurrence, for the Anchorage pediatric community. ~~(attached is a letter from Dr. Jeff Demain, the Chair of Pediatrics at Providence Hospital)~~ *(Has already been sent)*

I'm also testifying on behalf of the Alaska Medical Care Advisory Committce. The MCAC is your committee that meets for two days four times a year to discuss Medicaid issues. We talk with a vast panorama of providers and recipients of Medicaid services, (attached is a letter from the MCAC written by it's Chair, Patty Hong, RN)

No one in any group wants to waste money. But everyone in the provider section as well as in the recipient section feels the state is absolutely getting its monies worth

Right now the folks who are in entry level jobs, whether they are getting off welfare or coming out of school, have that health safety net for their children, both born and unborn. Most of them have places of employment that cannot afford to offer any significant family health insurance. If the eligibility threshold for Medicaid were to be cut from 200% to 150% their children would probably have to go uninsured.

The state government would have about \$5 million more in it's coffers, but the people of the state would have \$11 or \$12 million less of federal money. (Please don't hold me to the exact numbers, but the concept is right)

If there were really sick children in the family, or if the mother were to be pregnant, they would have to quit working to obtain basic Medicaid services, else the children, born and unborn, would surely suffer.

If, as would most often be the case, the children were basically healthy the parents could continue to work in the hopes of getting a job with insurance. Preventive care would be minimized and if the children became ill those parents would delay medical care, because there would be no money. If the child became more ill they would go to the emergency room where they know they can get free care. (The federal law says so!) But there is no free care, and emergency care is very expensive. The medical community will pick up the tab. And like any good business they will try their best to spread those losses amongst those whose bills will now be larger than they should have been. And there will already be that \$11 million of federal money that will be missing so there is less money to go around. Their Health insurance, if they have it, will cost more, and the coverage will be less inclusive.

Basically, the program now provides reasonable coverage to a group of people who need it. Some are the children who don't vote yet, but who will clearly be the biggest losers

Subject: House Bill 367

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 11:15:39 -0900

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February 12, 2002

To: Members of the House HESS Committee,

I am emailing to voice my deep concern for cutting the Denali KidCare program. As a professional in the social services arena, I understand the importance and need for this program. There are many families that work very hard but are still not able to afford medical coverage for their children. There are also many families with children that have severe health needs or disabilities that depend on this program as well. Denali KidCare allows them to know that their children have access to the medical care they need. To cut this program would do a severe disservice to many vulnerable children in Alaska. I speak for others as well as myself, there is a strong need for this program. As a state we need to be a leader for, as well as proactive in the needs of our future generations.

I urge members of the committee to NOT let House Bill 367 be passed.

Thank you,
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Subject: House Bill 367

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 11:40:55 -0900

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"Nancy Barnes" <Nancy_Barnes@legis.state.ak.us>

Hi:

I am seriously disappointed that yet another bill has been proposed that would eliminate something designated for families and children in need. I adopted a special needs child that receives some State help with health care because of his many health problems. He would not have lived if he had not had proper health care. Does the State have take no responsibility for the children who are the future of this State or is the future held for only a select few - the children that come from families that can afford these types of necessities. Wouldn't this be narrowing the future for some bright children that wouldn't even have a chance otherwise? You are taking the right to be healthy away from children that have no other means. Who gives you that right? I can find no logical reason as to why you continue to try to take away programs from a group of people that are too young to even have a voice yet. I mean you didn't have a problem finding or appropriating money to fight the Venetie case, right? I think you should seriously reflect and think about priorities!

Sincerely,

Carole-Ann Newcomer

Subject: I oppose HB 367--don't cut Denali KidCare

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2002 22:35:19 -0800 (PST)

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I am strongly opposed to cutting funding for Denali Kid Care. It provides health care for those who need it the most.

Please vote against House Bill 367.

Sincerely,

Ruth Greenwood

P.S. I always vote!

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Subject: I Oppose Rep. Coghill's HB 367!!

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 11:11:14 -0900

From: "Harriet A. Drummond" <harrieta@alaska.net>

To: <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>

Unbelievable! The Anchorage School District has about 2,000 homeless children, as nearly as we can tell, and the number of kids on free and reduced lunch in elementary school is at 33% and climbing. And families don't get any richer as their kids grow into middle and high school - the numbers of kids in poverty or close to it is no different.

Do you think that families who can't afford to feed their kids lunch or breakfast can afford proper health care for them? Do you think that taking health care away from children and pregnant women contributes to the success of children in school?

My health insurance, for me and one child, costs me over \$8,400 per year right now. What makes you think that a family making poverty level wages or barely more can afford to spend over half their income on health coverage, never mind the deductibles and co-pay which runs about \$4,000 per year on top of the \$8,400 for my family!!

I will be very disappointed in you, Fred Dyson, if you allow Rep. Coghill's bill, HB 367, out of the House HESS Committee. It is an embarrassment to people in this state who care about kids, and I thought YOU of all people, were one of them!

That bill would negatively impact hundreds if not thousands of students in my district, as well as thousands of future students. That bill makes it much more difficult for me to live up to our school board goals of success in life for all of our students.

We're partners in all this, Fred. Remember that. Your failure to protect the health of children and pregnant women will cost ALL of us much more in the future!

Harriet A. Drummond

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Subject: I Oppose the NO KID-CARE BILL...

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Representatives,


I do not support the "No Kid-Care Bill." If you allow this bill to pass the health of the children of Alaska are at risk! I am a working mother of three all under the age of 5, and I am fortunate enough to have a company that has insurance benefits. However, there are a lot of families out there that do not have that privilege. If you vote yes on this bill, there will be tremendous repercussions to the State of Alaska. I urge you to vote NO on HB 367! Thank you for your time.

Jeweline Lakshas

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Subject: HB367 OPPOSE!

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB367!

Why is it everytime something positive and helpful to the working and under privileged classes is always under fire and in danger of being taken away?

we (the people and government) are always saying that the next generation is the hope for the future. Well, what kind of hope do they (and we) have is they aren't given any help right now to make it to adulthood? How can they be our next generation when they can't even get basic health care and coverage?

Denali KidCare is just a helping hand to those families who are working their butts off to provide for their family. Thru no fault of their own, they don't have affordable health care any other way. Why take what little they have away?

How would you like to be trying to support a family just above or at what is considered the poverty level and have no health care? Denali KidCare is a godsend to many. It helps grow healthy children into healthy adults. Put yourself in their place. Would you like your minimum health care yanked out from under you?

OPPOSE THIS BILL!!

thank you
Heidi Little

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Subject: HB 367

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 10:50:54 -0900

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Dear Members of the House HESS Committee
Representatives Dyson, Wilson, Coghill, Stevens, Kohring, Cissna, and Joule,

I have just been alerted to the fact that you are taking testimony today on HB 367 which would cut funding for Denali KidCare.

I strongly oppose this bill because cuts to this program would adversely affect uninsured children and pregnant women. The health of the population of Alaska starts with women having healthy pregnancies and allowing children to grow up with the benefit of health care coverage.

The emphasis on getting people off of public assistance programs and back to work has not resulted in a population who is covered for health insurance through their employers. These workers have skills that allow them only to take jobs that earn the minimum wage. These jobs do not offer health insurance. **Cutting Denali KidCare is a step into the past where parents cannot afford to work and get off of public assistance.** It makes more sense for them to continue on public assistance because they then qualify for health care coverage.

I urge you not to pass this bill out of the HESS committee.

Thank you, Nancy Sanders

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Subject: HB 367

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2002 21:48:40 -1000

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Please oppose HB 367. Thanks for considering my views, David
Finkelstein

Subject: HB 367

Date: Sun, 10 Feb 2002 15:25:28 -0900

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Dear Representative Kott and Representative Dyson:

It is extremely important that we cover health insurance for children. Providing adequate health insurance is vital to the well-being of Alaska's Children besides caring for children now representatives a cost savings in the future.

During my years as a teachers I know how important insurance is for working families who work in jobs with no benefits to provide health care for their children. I strongly oppose HB367 and hope that you do also.

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Subject: HB 367**Date:** Mon, 11 Feb 2002 16:49:16 -0900**From:** "Kimberly Adkison" <kadkison@gci.net>

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Dear HES Committee members:

I oppose HB 367, which is proposed as a cost savings measure but in fact would result in a loss of federal funds. HB 367 would result in the loss of \$11.9 million in federal funds for health care, and end health insurance coverage for 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women. This is not acceptable.

It is very important to provide health insurance for children for a number of reasons:

- * Health care coverage is vital to the well-being of Alaska's children.
- * Children with health care coverage are more likely to receive well-baby/well-child care, adequate immunizations, and have health care problems discovered early.
- * Denali KidCare helps working families who work in jobs with no benefits to provide health care for their children.
- * Health care coverage for children through Denali KidCare is affordable - \$552 per year, per child in state funds.
- * With Denali KidCare, nearly 71 cents of every dollar spent is federal funds -- only 29 cents comes from state general funds.
- * Services for children enrolled in Denali KidCare who also are eligible for Tribal Health Services are paid for with 100% federal funds.
- * The state used part of the \$30 million savings from the Medicaid federal match rate change to expand coverage for children and pregnant women.
- * Program elimination will result in a huge loss of federal funds for health care.

It also is very important to provide health insurance for pregnant women for several reasons:

- * Prenatal care is the best method of assuring a healthy start for Alaskan children.
- * Prenatal care is the single most cost-effective health care expenditure.
- * Prenatal care ensures the best birth outcome for the baby.

We must assure that children are given the opportunity to grow and develop in a healthy manner, and providing health care insurance for children, prenatally through childhood, is a very critical part of this. Please help me in opposing this harmful bill.

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Subject: h.b 367 Denali Kid Care

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 14:50:05 -0900

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To: Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Mr. Dyson,

I am writing to voice my concern with H.B. 367 which would cut Denali Kid Care. I feel this would be a terrible mistake. I teach school at Gastineau Elementary School in Douglas and many of our students receive all of their health care through this program. As a teacher I know that the only way my students can learn is if they are healthy. Sick kids don't develop on pace with their peers, they are unable to attend to learning because they are fighting their health issues.

All children deserve adequate health care. Their education, and their future as productive members of society demand it. I urge you to do all that you can to defeat this bill.
Thank you.

"If the problem can be solved, there is no use worrying about it.

If it can't be solved, worrying will do no good"

- Tibetan proverb

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Subject: FYI - Health Care Concerns

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2002 10:06:20 -0900

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Please, do not deny the children of Alaska medical coverage! As a single working mother, I would directly be impacted by this measure. My employer currently offers dependent health insurance coverage at a cost of \$320.53 per month. In addition, there is a \$500.00 deductible that applies. I personally could not afford to maintain medical insurance coverage for my two children. I am a very dedicated and intelligent voter. I have a college degree and have obtained a respectable position as a Human Resources Coordinator. I am very accomplished for a young woman. Unfortunately as a single mother, my income is not as impressive as my accomplishments.

As a Human Resources (benefit administrator) professional, I closely monitor health care trends and up-coming legislation. According to National Public Radio, health care premiums have been increasing each year by 11% to 64% per small employer per year. The burden of rising health costs is being placed on small businesses. It was explained that, pound for pound it is cheaper if you buy in bulk. I understand the positives and negatives for both sides of the argument of socialized medicine. However, if the current health care trend is left unchanged, the decision will be made for us.

My employer may eliminate all benefits next year due to perpetually rising costs. A very specifically example is our dependent coverage for children only went from 289.53 (2001) to 320.53 (2002) per month or a 10.71% increase. The increase from 2000 to 2001 was 11.88%. Remember that the current increase for 2002 was 10.71% plus there was a reduction in coverage. Last year, the plan covered mental health and had a \$300 year deductible. This year, there is no mental health benefit and the deductible increased to \$500 per year!

I respect the necessity of health care coverage for children. The "it can never happen to me" happened to me. I had a beautiful baby girl, who had DiGeorge Syndrome. She had three open-heart surgeries and lived in the Dallas Children's Hospital for six and a half months before she passed away. My other children are in great health, but no one knows what our future is.

So, you decrease the Annual income from 200% FPL to 150% FPL or for my family size of three from \$36,580 to \$27,435. What should I do for Cassandra and Brandon? Wait for a catastrophic event? Then, quit my job to qualify for health coverage and loose my house. No thanks! I already had to do that in Texas.

But wait, the plot thickens as the ripple effect from this decision effects my employer. How? I was employed at Life Quest Community Mental Health in Wasilla, until I was laid off in November due to a budget reduction. I am currently with Alternatives Community Mental Health in Anchorage. If you are unaware of the current condition of all mental health organizations in Alaska, it is alarming. This trend is scary. Most of these companies operate on a fee for service basis. Most of the clients are covered under Denali Kidcare. If the number of covered children is significantly decreased, then these consumers will no longer be receiving services.

What will the ripple effect be; increased teenage suicides, an interruption in foster care, or lay-offs?

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February 12, 2002

The Honorable Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Dyson,

Thank you for allowing us to submit public comment on House Bill 367. On behalf of the Catholic Social Services-Beyond Shelter program participants, we strongly urge you to maintain the current eligibility and funding level for the Denali Kid Care program.

The Denali Kid Care program has been highly successful in providing much needed medical care to families who do not have health insurance and/or cannot afford health insurance. This includes many of our families who are working and earning low to moderate wages. Denali Kid Care is an incentive for many of these families to continue working without the added burden of having no health care coverage. And as we all know, health care is essential for the well-being of all Alaska's children.

Additionally, the cost of health insurance plans are steadily increasing, making health care plans including deductibles, and co-payments less affordable. It is a known fact that children with health care coverage are more likely to receive well baby check ups as well as immunization and other early screening care, which helps in discovering medical problems early. All children should be able to have access to medical care when needed, and should not be determined by whether or not a parent can afford it.

It is also essential that all pregnant women have access to prenatal care, whether or not they can afford it. Prenatal care is one of the best methods in determining the best birth outcome for a baby and helps give Alaska's children a healthy start in life.

Again, we believe that the Denali Kid Care program is an essential program for Alaskan families. In order to continue to meet the needs of Alaska's children and pregnant women, funding must not be reduced. Thank you!

Stephanie Wheeler
Program Director,



THE CHILDREN'S PLACE

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February 12, 2002

TO: Legislative Information Office
RE: House Bill No. 367

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this in opposition of HB 367 which would decrease the number of children and pregnant women from "working poor" families in receiving health benefits under the current Denali Kid Care. Although you may be temporarily saving money for the State at one level, the immediate losses will be in Federal funding and the long term effects will be much costlier throughout the health and educational fields in our state.

Working in the field of child abuse and neglect, the ramifications will also have deleterious effects. Child maltreatment is a significant risk factor for a whole host of medical and mental health ills, as well as social problems such as teen pregnancy, school failure, substance abuse, juvenile crime, and becoming a future abuser. One of the most frightening pieces of data we have collected at The Children's Place in Wasilla is that about 1/3 of the reported perpetrators are children themselves, under the age of 17. Early mental health intervention offers the only hope to halt the vicious cycle of abuse. One of the major barriers to mental health treatment both for the children who themselves who have been victims of physical and sexual abuse and young perpetrators is the cost. Nearly 60% of the families we deal with are covered under Medicaid or Denali KidCare.

As you look at the over 80% of men and women incarcerated in Alaska who were identified in a study a few years ago as victims of physical and sexual abuse, the question remains how will we, as residents of Alaska, be paying for reducing payments to women and children in poverty? Denali Kid Care is one of the brightest hopes we have had in improving the health outcomes for our children and we should not jeopardize federal dollars and more importantly their future by saving money in the short term.

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The National Association of Social Workers is the world's largest organization of social workers, with 155,000 members including over 500 members in Alaska. NASW is committed to the concept of social justice and will advocate for the well being of individuals, families and communities in Alaska. NASW supports the vital role of government in providing for basic human needs and will promote policies that empower people to live more humane, productive, and independent lives. The Alaska Chapter of NASW is concerned about a range of issues that affect the quality of life for all Alaskans and the ability of social workers to provide quality services.

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Re: HB 367: Medical Assistance Program Coverage


Today the House HES Committee is hearing important testimony on HB 367, including testimony by members of the National Association of Social Workers Alaska Chapter. NASW strongly opposes HB 367 and its impact on reducing access to health care for children and pregnant women currently eligible for Denali KidCare Program. NASW is a membership organization representing over 500 professional social workers in Alaska. Each day our members serve children and pregnant women who directly benefit from the health care services they can access through Denali Kid Care. Health care insurance is vital to the wellbeing of Alaska's children, which is why Denali KidCare has had such a positive impact to children since its inception in 1999.

Pregnant women enrolled in Denali KidCare are eligible to receive prenatal care and give their future children a healthy start in life. Children with Denali KidCare coverage are more likely to receive well-baby and well-child care, immunizations and have health problems identified and treated early -- critical cost savings for all tax payers. At \$522 per child for the state's contribution, Alaska is able to match federal grant funds and to provide eligible children and pregnant women critical care health care services -- a WIN-WIN for Alaska.

HB 367 proposes a reduction in the eligibility to 150% of the federal poverty level, directly impacting working families in Alaska who are striving to provide the best for their kids -- yet who work in jobs with no health care benefits for their families. If HB 367 passes, 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women will lose their health care coverage. When uninsured children and pregnant women's health needs are not provided, we all pay -- for more expensive care in hospital emergency rooms and clinics, for treatment of chronic illnesses, as well as the long terms costs of infants born with low birth weights, poor health outcomes and intensive care needs.

HB 367 is heralded as a cost savings to Alaskans, yet the \$5 million saved today results in giving up \$11.9 million in federal funds and comprising the health of our children. Short sighted budget cuts like HB 367 are ineffective policy, when we need long term fiscal planning and responsible investment in our future -- Alaska's children. On behalf of five hundred NASW Alaska Chapter members, we urge you to table HB 367.

Thank you for your consideration,


Marie J. Lavigne, NASW Executive Director
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