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William J. Streur, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
Post Office Box 110601
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0601

RE: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-005

Dear Mr. Streur:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-005. This transmittal increases the monthly personal needs allowance for institutionalized individuals, and adjusts the eligibility standard for optional categorically needy groups not to exceed 300 percent of the SSI federal benefit rate. In addition, this amendment revises the variation from the basic personal needs allowance for veterans by removing the provision which permitted a \$90 personal needs allowance for veterans receiving the \$90 VA pension. These changes are reflected in Attachment 2.6-A, Page 4a; Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 3a; Supplement 12 to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1.

This SPA is approved effective July 1, 2011.

If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Maria Garza at (206) 615-2542 or maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol J.C. Peverly".

Carol J.C. Peverly
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health
Operations

cc: Kimberli Poppe-Smart, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services