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Adam Crum, Commissioner
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Re: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 21-0009

Dear Mr. Crum:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 21-0009. This amendment adds the state’s attestation that it meets all the minimum requirements under Section 1902(a)(87) of the Social Security Act.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 42 CFR § 435.733. This letter is to inform you that Alaska Medicaid SPA 21-0009 was approved with an effective date of December 27, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Garza at 206-615-2542 or via email at maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
James G. Scott, Director
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This SPA adds federally mandates transportation assurances.

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December 27, 2021

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METHODS OF ASSURING TRANSPORTATION

I. Optional Medical Services –
Alaska uses a transportation broker under the state plan brokerage authority at 42 CFR § 440.170(a)(4) for air and ferry transportation only and 42 CFR § 440.170(a) authority for other transportation-related expenses.

A. Necessary medically related transportation services include transportation provided by ambulance, taxicab, ferry, or other common carriers.

B. Transportation services include expenses for transportation determined to be necessary by the agency to secure medical examinations and treatment for a recipient 42 CFR § 440.170(a).

C. Included under transportation services are the costs of necessary food and lodging for the recipient and, in accordance with 42 CFR § 440.170(a)(3), an escort to accompany the recipient.

II. Transportation Assurances –
The Medicaid agency assures it meets the minimum requirements in section 1902(a)(87) of the Social Security Act.

III. Administrative Services –
Administrative case management of transportation as a state plan function is performed and overseen by the state or other governmental entities.