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Emily Ricci, Deputy Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Ricci:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to enclose the summary report of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Site Review Team virtual visit to Alaska in March 21 through 23, and April 4, and 5, 2023. The focus of the visit was to learn more about your health and welfare operations and systems. We appreciated the hard work of your team to arrange meetings with state staff, individuals served by HCBS waivers, advocates, case managers, service providers, and other interested parties. Additionally, your team provided extensive information regarding incident management and other health and welfare documentation before and during our visit. It is our sincere hope that the information in the summary report will be helpful as you continue your work to improve HCBS waiver operations and ensure the health and safety of Alaska's HCBS beneficiaries.

Please contact me by telephone at (410) 786-7561 if you have any questions or follow up on the enclosed report. You may also contact Shante Shaw at shante.shaw@cms.hhs.gov or phone number (206) 615-2326.

Sincerely,



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