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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Triptaa Surve Department of Health & Social Services
FROM: Scott Meriwether, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 465.4081
DATE: February 13, 2017
RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Health & Social Services
Department of Health and Social Services update to regulations re: rates for Alaska Pioneers' Homes and Alaska Veterans' Homes (7 AAC 74.025(a))

Attorney General File:	JU2016200706
Regulation Filed:	2/13/2017
Effective Date:	4/1/2017
Print:	221, April 2017

cc with enclosures:

Linda Miller, Department of Law Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

The attached one page of regulations, dealing with AK Pioneers' Homes Rates is adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Health & Social Services adopts under the authority of AS 47.55.010, AS 47.020, and AS 47.55.030, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

In considering public comments, the Department of Health & Social Services paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the first day of the month following the expiration of 30 days post-filing by the lieutenant governor.

DATE: 1/12/17 Anchorage, AK

Valerie "Nurr'araaluk" Davidson Commissioner, Department of Health & Social Services

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on following [3] 20 17, at 354A.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS44.62.040 -44.62.120

Lieutenant Governor

Effective: <u>April 1, 2017</u>. Register: <u>221, April 2017</u>.

Register <u>221</u>, <u>April</u> 2017 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

7 AAC 74.025(a) is amended to read:

(a) To partially compensate the state for the cost of services, the monthly rate charged a resident, in addition to ancillary charges as prescribed by the department, for the appropriate level of service described in 7 AAC 74.010(c)(1) - (3) is as follows:

(1) level I services: <u>\$2,588</u> [\$2,549.75]; ill ele inst looks the colon w (2) level II services: <u>\$4,692</u> [\$4,622.10]; (3) level III services: <u>\$6,795</u> [\$6,694.45].

(Eff. 8/1/2004, Register 171; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 3/8/2012, Register 201; am 2/1/2016,

Register 217; am 4/2017, Register 22()

Authority: AS 47.55.010 AS 47.55.020 AS 47.55.030

MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Byron Mallott Lieutenant Governor

From:

Steven C. Weaver

Sr. Assistant Attorney General and Assistant Regulations Attorney Legislation and Regulations Section

State of Alaska Department of Law

Date: February 8, 2017

File No.: JU2016200706

Tel. No.: 465-3600

Re: Department of Health and Social Services update to regulations re: rates for Alaska Pioneers' Homes and Alaska Veterans' Homes (7 AAC 74.025(a))

We have reviewed the attached regulations from the Department of Health and Social Services against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. I have reviewed this project under a specific delegation dated February 8, 2017 from the Regulations Attorney. The regulations update rates for Alaska Pioneers' Homes and Alaska Veterans' Homes to partially compensate the state for the cost of services.

We find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. We note that the adoption order contains a special effective date under AS 44.62.180(4): the date that is the first day of a month and that falls after the date that is 30 days after your office files the regulations. For example, if your office filed the regulations today, February 8, 2017, the date that is 30 days after filing would be March 10, 2017; therefore, the effective date of these regulation changes under the adoption order's special effective date would be April 1, 2017.

The September 23, 2016 public notice and the January 12, 2017 adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

Hon. Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor Our file: JU2016200706 February 8, 2017 Page 2

We have made a technical correction to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The correction is shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SCW

cc w/enc: (via email)

Hon. Valerie "Nurr'araaluk" Davidson, Commissioner Department of Health and Social Services

Triptaa Surve, Regulations Contact Department of Health and Social Services

Jon Sherwood, Deputy Commissioner Department of Health and Social Services

Vickie L. Wilson, Director Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes Department of Health and Social Services

Alex J. Hildebrand, Assistant Attorney General Human Services Section

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Byron Mallott Lieutenant Governor

State of Alaska Department of Law

DATE: February 8, 2017

FILE NO.: JU2016200706

TELEPHONE NO.: 465-3600

SUBJECT: Specific delegation of authority regarding regulations review on Department of Health and Social Services regulations re: update to rates for Alaska Pioneers' Homes and Alaska Veterans' Homes (7 AAC 74.025(a))

By this memorandum, I am delegating my authority as Regulations Attorney under AS 44.62 to Assistant Attorney General Steven C. Weaver for the above-referenced regulations project. Under this delegation of authority, Steven Weaver has my full authority under AS 44.62 to conduct the legal review under AS 44.62 and take necessary actions on this regulations project.

If you have questions, please let me know.

SCW

cc w/enc:

Scott C. Meriwether, AAC Coordinator Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Steven C. Weaver Sr. Assistant Attorney General and Assistant Regulations Attorney Legislation/Regulations Section



Legislation/Regulations Section

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator, of Department of Health & Social Services, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 7 AAC 74.025, and dealing with Alaska Pioneers' Homes Rates, has been given by being

- (1) published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- (2) furnished to interested persons;
- (3) furnished to appropriate state officials;
- (4) furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
- (5) furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- (6) furnished to the Legislative Affairs Agency, Division of Legal and Research Services;
- (7) posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1);
- (8) furnished electronically, along with a copy of the proposed regulation, to the Legislative Affairs Agency, the chair of the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees of the Alaska Senate and House of Representatives, the Administrative Regulation Review Committee, and the legislative council.

As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (5) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

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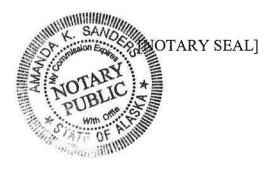
Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator

Subscribed and sworn to before me at DHSS CUM INISSIONERS office on

1-4-2017

(date)

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska



AFFIDAVIT OF PROVIDING NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

I, Vickie L Wilson, Director for the Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes, Department of Health and Social Services, being duly sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 47.55.030, the Department of Health and Social Services has provided written notice to all residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes of the proposed change in 7 AAC 74.025(a), increasing the monthly rates charged for care and support of persons in the homes. Not less than 60 days before adoption of the regulations, written notice of the proposed change was provided to the residents in a letter on October 05, 2016, a copy of which is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit A. This written notice included the time, date, and place of the oral hearing that occurred in compliance with AS 47.55.030(d) on November 10, 2016, at 9 a.m., not less than 30 days before adoption of the regulations, in order to allow residents and interested parties to submit written or oral testimony, statements, arguments, or contentions related to the proposed rate change.

Date:

Vickie L Wilson, Director.

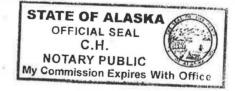
Subscribed and sworn to before me at

333 Willarghby 57757. JUMAN, AK 99801 on

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Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska





Department of Health and Social Services

ALASKA PIONEER HOMES Director's Office

P.O. Box 110690 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0690 Main: 907.465.4416 Toll free: 800.465.2205 Fax: 907.465.4108

October 5, 2016

Notice of Proposed Regulation Change:

The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes is proposing a change to regulation 7 AAC 74.025, which sets Rates for residents at the Alaska Pioneer Homes. These rate changes will not occur until at least 60 days after the date of this notice. The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes is requesting that the rates charged for each level of service be increased by 1.5% due to the increased cost of providing care to elder Alaskans.

The proposed new rates are as follows:

Level I: \$2,588.00 Level II: \$4,692.00

Level III: \$6,795.00

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes Re: Rate Change at PO Box 110690 Juneau, AK 99811. Additionally, the Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-4108 and by electronic mail at <u>alaskapioneerhomes@alaska.gov</u> Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. The comments must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. on December 13, 2016.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on November 10, 2016 telephonically. The hearing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 10:00 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. Those parties who would like to submit verbal comments at the hearing must be present by 10:00 a.m. and sign up prior to 10am via (1) the Pioneer Home they participating at or (2) via email to <u>alaskapioneerhomes@alaska.gov</u> if choosing to participate from a non-Pioneer Home location. To participate in the public hearing, please, go to one of the six Pioneer Homes or call 1-800-315-6338 and then enter the access code of 54784 when prompted.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON THE ALASKA PIONEER HOMES' RATES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Health & Social Services proposes to change regulations on the monthly rates charged to residents.

The Department of Health & Social Services proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 7 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the rates charged to residents by the Alaska Pioneer Home, including the following:

The proposed change would amend 7 AAC 74.025 by increasing the monthly rates charged to residents of the Alaska Pioneer home. The proposed change to 7 AAC 74.025(a) would increase the monthly rate to the following amounts: \$2,588 for level I services; \$4,692 for level II services; and \$6,795 for level II services.

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- Sitka Pioneer Home, 120 Katlian St., Sitka, AK 99835-7525

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Department of Health & Social Services may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Michael Frawley at (907) 465-1870 no later than October 28, 2016, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alaska Pioneer Homes, Re: Rate Change, at PO Box 110690 Juneau, AK 99811 and (907) 465-4416.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Health & Social Services, will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 47.55.010; AS 47.55.020; AS 47.55.030

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 47.55.010; AS 47.55.020; AS 47.55.030.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 9-21-16

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Deputy Commissioner Department of Health & Social Services

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Jon Sherwood Deputy Commissioner Department of Health & Social Services

- 1. Adopting agency: Department of Health and Social Services/ Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes
- 2. General subject of regulation: Rates charged monthly for services
- Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 7 AAC 74.025. Rates
- 4. Department of Law file number, if any: JU2016200706
- 5. Reason for the proposed action:
 - () Compliance with federal law or action (identify):_____
 - () Compliance with new or changed state statute
 - () Compliance with Federal or state court decision (identify)_____
 - () Development of program standards
 - (X) Other (identify): <u>To update monthly rates at the Alaska Pioneer Homes to reflect the increased costs of providing care to elder Alaskans.</u>
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Pioneer Homes/AR 23015
- 7. Estimated annual costs in the aggregate to comply with the proposed action to: Private Persons: <u>Monthly rates will increase 1.5% if this action is taken.</u> Other State Agencies: <u>N/A</u> Municipalities: <u>N/A</u>
- 8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

Operating Cost Capital Cost	Initial Year FY <u>2017</u> \$ <u>0</u> \$ <u>0</u>	Subsequent Years \$ \$_0
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program 1037 General fund/	\$_0	\$_0
mental health Other	\$ \$_0	\$ \$_0

 9. The name of the contact person for the regulations: Name: <u>Vickie Wilson</u> Title: <u>Division Director</u> Address: <u>2221 Eagan Ave., Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> Telephone: <u>(907) 458-2224</u> E-mail address: alaskapioneerhomes@alaska.gov

10. The origin of the proposed action:

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- _X__ Staff of state agency
- _____ Federal government
- _____ General public
- _____ Petition for regulation change
- _____ Other (identify)____

Date: 9/2/ 16 11.

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Name (printed): <u>Vickie Wilson</u> Title (printed): <u>Division Director</u> Telephone: <u>(907) 458-2224</u>

AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

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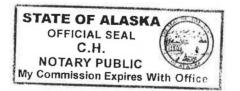
On November 10, 2016, at 9 am, in Room 957, at 333 Willoughby Ave, Juneau, Alaska I presided over a public hearing held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 7AAC 74 Alaska Pioneer Homes Rates.

Date: January 26, 2017

Vickie L Wilson, Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me at <u>333</u> Willoughby (APH) on STE 757 Junew AK 99811

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska



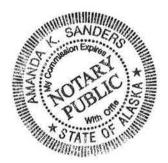
AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator for the Department of Health & Social Services, being duly sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the Department of Health & Social Services has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing and orally as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Department of Health & Social Service regulation on Alaska Pioneers' Homes Rates.

Date: Project Coordinator Triptaa Subscribed and sworn to before me at DHSS COMM ISSI MARS Office on (date) ublic in and for the State of Alaska Notary P

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Emma Dunlap

being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he/she is a representative of the Alaska Dispatch News, a daily newspaper. That said newspaper has been approved by the Third Judicial Court, Anchorage, Alaska, and it now and has been published in the English language continually as a daily newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska, and it is now and during all said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of said newspaper. That the annexed is a copy of an advertisement as it was published in regular issues (and not in supplemental form) of said newspaper on

September 23, 2016

and that such newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period. That the full amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is not in excess of the rate charged private individuals.

Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 23rd day of September, 2016 MOI

Notary Public in and for The State of Alaska. Third Division Anchorage, Alaska MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

> BRITMEY L. THOMPSON State of Alaska My Commission Expires Feb 23, 2019

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Date: 09/21/2016

/s/Jon Sherwood, Deputy Commissioner Department of Health & Social Services

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