The Division of Senior and Disabilities Services has analyzed comments received about proposed regulations on the Medicaid service of Nursing Oversight and Care Management (NOCM), and provides the following question and response:

Question: Why is NOCM no longer required for all recipients on the Children with Complex Medical Conditions (CCMC) waiver?

Response: The Division of Senior and Disabilities Services acknowledges that children on the CCMC waiver are all individuals with differing needs and not all require NOCM. There is also a shortage of nurses in Alaska, especially those available to serve rural areas. Requiring NOCM created a barrier to qualifying for other CCMC waiver services. The intent of removing the requirement that all CCMC recipients must receive NOCM to allow children who are medically stable or who have caregivers with adequate training in medical procedures. This amendment allows children who are medically stable or who have caregivers with adequate training in medical procedures to move forward to receive other CCMC waiver services without waiting for NOCM service providers to become available.