



# How did we get here?

## March 2015

- Reform Bills Introduced
  - Senator Kelly introduces SB74
  - Governor Walker introduces HB148/SB78

## June 2015

- Agnew::Beck awarded Medicaid Redesign Technical Assistance Contract
  - Subcontractors: Health Management Associates & Milliman
  - Final report released January 22, 2016

## January 2016

- Committee Substitute for SB78 introduced
  - Based on recommendations from Agnew::Beck report
- Senate Finance begins “mash-up” process
  - Medicaid Reform Subcommittee formed
  - Includes SB74, SB78, Telemedicine, PDMP

# SB74 Overview

- Broad reform authority for DHSS
- Demo projects to improve health care and reduce costs
  - care management and payment reform
- Public Private partnership for ER overutilization
  - Partnership with ASHNHA
  - Real-Time information exchange
- Workgroups
  - Health Information Infrastructure
  - Setting annual targets for quality and cost-effectiveness
  - Telehealth

# SB74 Overview

- Comprehensive behavioral health reform
  - Partner with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
  - 1115 Waiver to redesign behavioral health services
  - Removal of grant requirement to be a Medicaid provider
- Refinancing opportunities
  - Tribal Claiming Policy
  - 1915 (i) & (k) options
  - Applying on behalf of inmates
- Computerized enhanced eligibility verification system

# SB74 Overview

- Privatization feasibility studies
  - Juvenile Justice facilities
  - Pharmacy services of Pioneer Homes
  - Alaska Psychiatric Institute
- Alaska Medicaid False Claim and Reporting Act
- Reduces the minimum number of audits
  - interest/penalties on overpayments
- Provider to conduct a biennial review or audit

# SB74 Overview

- Primary Care Case Management
  - Increase the use of appropriate primary and preventive care while decreasing the unnecessary use of specialty care and ER services
- Section 1945 Health Homes (FY19)
- Alaska Health Care Authority
- Expand availability of telehealth
  - Prohibits licensure boards from sanctioning licensees for practice via telemedicine:
  - Expand the use of telehealth for Medicaid recipients

# SB74 Overview

## Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

- Registering with the database
  - Drug Enforcement Agency number
  - Dentists, Physicians, ANPs, Optometrists, Pharmacists
- Exemptions when prescribing or dispensing schedule II or III controlled substances
- Submit data on at least a weekly basis
- Access for tribal health practitioners
- Guidelines for the prescription of Schedule II controlled substances

# SB74 Overview

## Medicaid Reform Program

- Electronic explanation of medical assistance benefits
- Reducing the cost of home and community-based services waivers
- Pharmacy initiatives
- Enhanced care management
- Redesigning the payment process implementing fee agreements
  - premium payments for centers of excellence; penalties for hospital acquired infections, readmission, and outcome failures; bundled payments; global payments
- Setting annual targets for quality and cost-effectiveness
- Reducing travel
- Establish guidelines for health care providers to develop health care delivery models based on evidence-based practice that encourage wellness and disease prevention

# SB74 Overview

## Coordinated Care Demonstration Projects

- Request for proposals by Dec. 31, 2016
- More than one contract can be awarded
- Proposal Review Committee
- Review by Third Party Actuary
  - After two years
  - Recommendation on implementation statewide

# Implementing Reform

- 16 workgroups to implement reform
  - DHSS is the lead on 12
  - Other Depts are the lead on 4
    - PDMP, Health Care Authority Study, SB91, False Claims Act
- Identifying key partners and DHSS staff
- Stakeholder Engagement
  - RFP released on June 29
- Email updates
  - Are you signed up for updated?

# How can you stay informed?

- Visit the Healthy Alaska Plan webpage  
[dhss.alaska.gov/healthyalaska](https://dhss.alaska.gov/healthyalaska)

- Email Updates  
[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDHSS/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=12](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDHSS/subscriber/new?topic_id=12)
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