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### Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Message from the Director**

Issue Date: 05/25/2016

Run Length: 8 weeks

Provider Type(s): All

Message: Dear Medicaid Providers,

As the State of Alaska approaches the end of its fiscal year on June 30, we are challenged by a tight budget situation. Due to this, it is necessary for us to temporarily pend some Medicaid claims while Medicaid funds are reallocated among accounts. You have my assurance that the delay of payment will be brief, and that Alaska Medicaid will remain in full compliance with federal payment timeliness standards.

As part of this effort, claims that pend will be reflected on your remittance advice (RA) as status "O", and on your RA summary as "Budget Funded". Because billed charges and Medicaid reimbursement amounts may differ, the total of all "O" pended claims may not equal the cumulative total shown on the summary page.

I will keep you informed of our progress through additional RA messages. In the interim, please forward any comments, suggestions, or questions you may have to Susan Dunkin at [susan.dunkin@alaska.gov](mailto:susan.dunkin@alaska.gov).

I thank you for the services you continue to provide to our most vulnerable residents, and for your patience and cooperation as we work together to navigate Alaska's fiscal challenges.

Sincerely,

Margaret Brodie

Director, Division of Health Care Services