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Alaska Medicaid Provider Message

Public Health Emergency Extended February 9, 2023

Today Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act that a public health emergency exists nationwide, and a renewal of the declaration is effective February 11, 2023. This extension is valid for 90 days.

Effective May 12, 2023, State Fiscal Year Limits will reset with Service Authorizations required to extend those limits.

The Division of Behavioral Health will continue to provide the following flexibilities related to the declaration of the public health emergency:

- [DBH Expanded Telehealth Services v1.3](#)
- [DBH Guidance 6 Service Authorizations](#)
- [DBH Guidance 5 v1.2 PRTF and Residential](#)
 - *acute psychiatric hospitals and PRTFs must continue to enter utilization review (UR) notes into the Comagine JIVA system and submit critical incident reports

For questions regarding this information, please contact mpassunit@alaska.gov