

June 11, 2013

Greetings Providers,

There have been a lot of great changes here at Senior & Disabilities Services in regards to the following:

**Regulation changes** – There are new regulations and requirements for providers. Please go to <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/default.aspx> for more information

**Conditions of Participation** – There are new guidelines for renderers of services and some more of the requirements are defined in the Conditions of Participation overall for all providers and for specific services such as Chore, Respite and Care Coordination. Go to <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/default.aspx> for more information

**Certification Application** – This is one of the biggest changes. There is a completely NEW application available for ALL providers. Those who are due for recertification in the remainder of 2013 until July of 2015 will need to submit a COMPLETE NEW Initial Application to ensure compliance with all the new regulations and conditions of participation. The old application form will be accepted until August 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 but no matter what ALL the requirements of the NEW application, regulations and conditions of participation MUST be met July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013!

There are also a few new forms for adding services, reporting changes and other provider related issues that are available. Additional instructions will be available on the SDS website at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/default.aspx>

Not to worry SDS is offering training on the changes contact [Kara.thrasher-livingston@alaska.gov](mailto:Kara.thrasher-livingston@alaska.gov) for a class schedule or to sign up.

IF you must have a hard copy application please call 269-3666 and ask for Provider Certification so that we can mail out a copy specific to your agency to make the process easy! You may also request a copy via e-mail at [DSDSCertification@Alaska.gov](mailto:DSDSCertification@Alaska.gov) although we would prefer you download and use the convenient fill in form available on the website!

Lastly, to keep up with all the news please sign up for the E-Alerts. This is a great way to know what is happening at Senior & Disabilities Services. The address to do that is <http://list.state.ak.us/soalists/SDS-E-News/jl.htm>

Thank you everyone for the services you provide to our seniors and disabled populations!

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