

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
AND
TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.

The purpose of this agreement is to: 1) avoid duplication of benefits, and; 2) promote comparable benefit payments between the FY 2013 federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) administered by the State of Alaska, Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS), and by Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. (TCC), and Indian tribe or tribal organization, under the Low Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (PL 97-35). The parties agree as follows:

1. DHSS will serve all residents, Native and non-Native in Fairbanks. DHSS will serve the non-Native and Native population residing in and around Tok, Delta Junction, Healy, Usibelli, Clear, Suntrana and Anderson. TCC will serve the Native and non-Native population residing in and around the communities cited above (except Fairbanks) and all residents, Native and non-Native in Alatna, Allakaket, Anvik, Arctic Village, Beaver, Bettles, Birch Creek, Canyon Village, Chalkyitsik, Circle, Dot Lake, Eagle, Fort Yukon, Galena, Grayling, Healy Lake, Holy Cross, Hughes, Huslia, Iditarod, Kaltag, Koyukuk, McGrath, Manley Hot Springs, Medfra, Minto, Nenana, Nikolai, Northway, Nulato, Rampart, Ruby, Shageluk, Stevens Village, Takotna, Tanacross, Tanana, Telida, Tetlin, Wiseman, Venetie, Boundary, Chicken, Circle Hot Springs, Central, Farewell and Flat.
2. DHSS and TCC will cooperate in the development of the LIHEAP plans with the goal of establishing similar eligibility criteria and comparable benefit levels.
3. DHSS and TCC will insure that applications for LIHEAP are promptly forwarded to the appropriate responsible agency.
4. To avoid duplication of assistance payments, DHSS and TCC will exchange names, addresses and social security numbers of applicant households containing Native and non-Native adult members when these households apply in a community in which DHSS and TCC are both operating LIHEAPs. DHSS will serve a household in such a community if the head of the applicant household is non-native.
5. DHSS has based its benefit levels on regional climatic conditions and fuel costs. To allow TCC to offer comparable regional benefits to their clientele, DHSS does not object to an increase of its direct federal grant from amounts that would otherwise be awarded to DHSS by the federal government. The parties agree that a total amount of \$_____ may be transferred by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to TCC from the FY 2014 State of Alaska LIHEAP grant to accomplish this aim
6. TCC will provide DHSS with a summary report of its FY'13 LIHEAP. The report, to be submitted by October 1, 2013, will include a general program description and the number of households served, the number of non-Native households served, expenditures for heating assistance, weatherization, emergency assistance and program planning and administration.

NOTE: This agreement is pending approval on the basis of funds, since we do not know how much will be available. The dollar amount will be adjusted and the agreement signed as soon as possible, after the amount is known.