

ACTION ALERT: State of Alaska Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Moratorium

- The federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently forced the State of Alaska to stop taking new applications for Medicaid waivers and Personal Care Services.
- Because of this ban, elders and people with disabilities, including kids, who are in nursing homes or hospitals and want to live at home may not have the choice to do so. Those who already live at home and want to stay at home may not be able to get the help they need - and could be forced into a nursing home.
- The ban on new applications for the services takes away the choice people have to live at home.
- Potentially ANY Alaskan might need these services. These services save the state money over expensive nursing homes. People *want* to live at home, not in nursing homes. People should have the right to live in their own home if they choose - the federal ban has taken away that right.
- We are urging all people concerned about this ban to write or call the Alaska Congressional Delegation - Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Sen. Mark Begich and Rep. Don Young. It's easy to do - simply use the letter template, or the telephone script - change them to suit your own message. Fax or email the letter - we will help!

Please write or call **NOW!** We believe our congresspeople can pressure CMS to lift the ban, but they need to hear from **YOU**.

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