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TO: Pharmacy Providers and Software Vendors

FROM: **First Health Services Corporation**

DATE: September 13, 2004

SUBJECT: *State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health Care Services*
Implementation of NCPDP Partial Fills Functionality

This notice is to advise you of important changes that will impact the Point-of-Sale (POS) system used for processing pharmacy claims for the *Alaska Medical Assistance Programs*. These changes are effective **October 13, 2004**. Some of these changes will require changes to your software. Please **contact your software vendor immediately** in order to ensure that you will be able to submit your claims without interruption.

First Health Services Corporation will continue to receive claims electronically in the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) standardized Version 5.1. On October 13, 2004, **First Health Services Corporation** will begin to accept and process the NCPDP Version 5.1 Partial Fill claims. To facilitate your effort we are enclosing an updated Payer Specifications Sheet which includes Partial Fills data fields required for submission of partially dispensed claims. Please **contact your software vendor immediately** in order to ensure that you will be able to submit your claims utilizing the Partial Fills fields without interruption.

Important Notes effective October 13, 2004:

- ❖ The fields that are required for the Partial Fills are bolded on the attached Payer Specification.
- ❖ Partial Fills functionality cannot be used with Compound claims.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Richmond, Virginia **First Health Services Corporation** Provider Relations staff at (804) 965-7729. Your cooperation in transitioning to a HIPAA compliant POS system is appreciated.