

## ***For Health Funding—***

# **TCHA Gets Funds**

The Tanana Chiefs Health Authority (TCHA), a delegate agency of AFN, Inc., has subcontracted \$196,719 from the State of Alaska for the implementation of Emergency Medical Services for their region. A total of \$450,000 has been allotted to the state from the federal government.

According to Joe Notaro, deputy director of the Health

Affairs Division, the TCHA and AFN, Inc. Health Affairs Division have been instrumental in getting EMS funds for the state.

He explained that a requirement for getting these funds was an existing project that had completed the planning phases for EMS and that TCHA meets this criteria.

Mr. Notaro states "AFN, Inc. has been involved in planning for EMS since the inception of the law. We've fought for maximum consumer representation and for EMS boundaries to be the same as the developing regional health organizations; nevertheless due to the intent of the legislation, only eight EMS Regions were able to be established."

Seven other EMS Regions will receive \$178,000 for the planning phase. The State Office of EMS Operations will receive \$75,280.48. The subcontracts will begin Aug. 15, 1975.