

Comprehensive Regional Health Plan for Low Income Folks

JUNEAU—New funding for a comprehensive regional health plan study and development program to create an effective system of delivery of medical services to low-income groups in the Norton Sound/Seward Peninsula Region was announced by Gov-

nor William A. Egan.

The study and planning program is financed through a \$100,000 contract, of which \$75,000 is federal matching money, between the Norton Sound Health Corporation and the State Department of Health and Social Services.

"This project, the most comprehensive of its kind ever carried out in the Norton Sound/Seward Peninsula Region, puts us well on our way to overcoming the special problems of med-

ical care delivery to this rural area of Alaska, and Alaskans in the region can look forward to a regional delivery system which greatly increases their access to needed health and medical services," Governor Egan said.

A planning program to develop a comprehensive regional health and medical services delivery system will follow the study, which examines regionalization structures, the role of participating agencies and consumers, resource needs, prepayment systems, preventive health services, and unique problems of rural medical care in Alaska.