## ANHS hosp accredited

For the first time in its 35 years history, the Alaska Native Health Service (ANHS) Hospital at Tanana has received Accreditation from the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH). Tanana Hospital received notice of a two-year Accreditation upon completion of a survey of the Hospital by JCAH surveyors.

Tanana Hospital is a 20 bed general, medical-surgical hospital located at Tanana, near the confluence of the Tanana and Yukon Rivers. The hospital is operated by the Alaska Native Health Service, a branch of the U. S. Public Health Service. A staff of 46 serves the Hospital, including 29 Alaskan Natives, many of whom are permanent residents of Tanana. Clinical Director at the hospital is Dr. William James, formerly a resident of Fairbanks. Hospital Administrator is Erik Deeter.

The hospital has served the medical needs of Interior Alaska since 1941. The hospital has provided quality health care services delivery for these years and the staff has taken great pride in receiving Accreditation by the Joint Commission.

The hospital will continue to play a key role in health care delivery for Interior Alaska. The Tanana Chiefs Health Authority has considered the hospital as a key link in their proposed health delivery system for the Tanana Chiefs Conference Region. The region covers 43 Athabascan communities in the interior.