Respiratory Patient Moses Melick Impressed By Treatment

Moses Melick, an old man from Point Hope, was taken to the Public Health Service Hospital in Anchorage about a month ago.

Old Melick had been suffering from a respiratory ailment.

"I couldn't breathe and I was getting weaker all the time," Moses said. "I was sure I wasn't going to last much longer and I couldn't sleep at all."

Moses was in a very serious condition and the village sent an emergency call to Kotzebue PHS hospital. He was given emergency treatment at Kotzebue and then flown to Anchorage.

"They carried me off the plane at Kotzebue. I was so weak. They did the same thing when I arrived at Anchorage," Moses Melick related.

"When they got me to the hospital, they gave me a bath and sometime during that time, I became unconscious. When I became conscious again, I was so surprised to see many people all around me.

"I don't know what those doctors did for me but you know, I could breathe so much easier from then on and soon after that, I went right to sleep.

"Those people down there certainly did something fine for me. Now I'm able to get around and I'm getting stronger all the time. I don't have any trouble getting to sleep and I'm eating well."