

VILLAGE

Village participation conference resolutions

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proval of applications for IRA Council status.

The state should appropriate funds to provide minimum basic services — safe water and sewer systems, fire and police protection, and adequate health care delivery systems — to all residents with provision for local input.

Funding of the state Rural Development Council should be continued and, if federal funding of the Legal Services Corporation is cut, the state should assure its continuation. Any changes or amendments to the Permanent Fund Dividend Program are opposed.

People in rural areas should be able to qualify for home and business loans on an equitable basis with urban areas. The legislative "Bush Caucus" is commended for its work and concern for rural Alaska.

Two time zones in the state are supported. Continuation of state aid to unincorporated communities outside of organized boroughs is sup-

ported but funding should also be provided to unincorporated communities within organized boroughs.

Alcohol/Drug Abuse:

Proposed measures restoring the legal minimum drinking age to 21, increasing the excise tax on alcohol, and providing for increased penalties for persons convicted of driving while intoxicated are supported. Full funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs at a level at least equal to 1983 is supported for next year.

Health and Safety

The Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program is an appropriate model that gives safety support and services in isolated rural communities. Funding for the training and establishment of VPSOs is supported for every rural community which requests it.

Economic Development

Participants felt that development in the rural areas needs

to concentrate on existing local industries. A maximum amount of local control over development needs to be maintained so as not to endanger the cultural heritage of Native Alaskans. City and Village Councils were urged to demand adequate planning and to pass ordinances for local hire and public works.

Transportation

Workshop participants agreed that transportation is a lifeline to rural Alaskan communities. Increased local participation in planning improvements and in administering public works projects was considered. In particular, legislation was supported to increase state revenue sharing road maintenance from \$2,500 to \$3,500 a mile.

Energy/Housing

The main concerns of workshop participants were the improvement of the quality of housing in rural areas, the need for cheaper fuel for use within rural Alaska as well as reason-

able cost alternative energy projects, and local input and involvement in projects. Also, top-level recognition of the economic interests of village energy consumers is required. Transfer of alternative energy and engineering programs and the bulk fuel loan program from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs were recommended. Additionally, combining of federal and state weatherization programs was recommended. There were, however, no resolutions from this workshop.

Education

Closure of Mt. Edgecumbe School is opposed. Continued federal funding is urged and the governor is requested to support efforts to maintain the facility as an Alaska Native Boarding High School. Calling local people who do actual bilingual teaching "aides" is deplored.

The Department of Educa-

tion is urged to redefine certification requirements to include bilingual fluency, pride in culture, and knowledge of local life style and is urged to provide training programs at the local level for bilingual teachers.

State funds should be appropriated for University of Alaska dormitories as the cost of a school residence is prohibitive to most rural families, and money for housing assistance should be provided to students until the dormitories are available for residency.

Natural Resources

Support of the subsistence law has been affirmed by the Alaska voters and it should be protected against any amendment action. Priority issues pertaining to subsistence life style which should be addressed include: information on Bering Sea oil leases; fishing loan programs; limited entry permits for local residents; depletion of game supply by outside hunters.



Blue Cross

Recent changes in Public Health Service policies have eliminated virtually all non-Native dependent health coverage. Under the new regulations, many people are affected that previously had free medical care. They no longer have it.

If you or any member of your family has lost this health coverage, Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska, in conjunction with Timothy E. Walsh, an Alaskan independent insurance broker can help you. Blue Cross has agreed to provide those people who have lost this individual coverage with an association-type plan that is both economical and easy to obtain. Below is a Summary of Benefits under this plan.

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

	Hospital/Major Medical Program \$200 Deductible	Major Medical Program \$500 Deductible and Major Medical Program \$1,000 Deductible
HOSPITAL		
Room and Board	Paid in Full/Semi-Private	**Covered Under Major Medical
Number of Days	365 Days	**Covered Under Major Medical
Intensive Care Unit	Paid in Full	**Covered Under Major Medical
Ancillary Services	Paid in Full	**Covered Under Major Medical
Rehabilitative Care	*Paid in Full/Semi-Private 30 Days	**Covered Under Major Medical
Nervous & Mental, Alcoholism & Drug Addiction	*Limited to 30 Days Each in a Calendar Year, Then Covered Under Major Medical at 50% **	**Covered Under Major Medical
HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT (Treatment Furnished and Billed by the Hospital)		
Accidents, All Treatment Within 7 Days	Paid in Full	**Covered Under Major Medical
Medical Emergencies	Paid in Full	**Covered Under Major Medical
Minor Surgery	Paid in Full	**Covered Under Major Medical
X-Ray & Radium Therapy	Paid in Full	**Covered Under Major Medical
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY		
Semi-Private and Ancillary Services	Paid in Full	**Covered Under Major Medical
Number of Days	1 Day = 1/2 Day Toward the 365 Days	**Covered Under Major Medical
Physician Calls	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT FACILITY	**80% Up to \$2,000	**Covered Under Major Medical
SURGICAL/MEDICAL		
Surgeons Fees	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Assistant Surgeon	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Anesthesia	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Physician Calls	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
X-Ray & Radium Therapy	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical

* Included in Hospital Room & Board allowable maximum
** Subject to Usual, Customary and Reasonable Charges

	Hospital/Major Medical Program \$200 Deductible	Major Medical \$500 Deductible and Major Medical Program \$1,000 Deductible
GENERAL MEDICAL		
Physician Office Calls	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Prescription Drugs	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Diagnostic X-Ray & Lab	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Ambulance	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Supplemental Accident	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
X-Ray & Radium Therapy	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
Rehabilitative Care	Up to \$20 Per Day/Up to 45 Days Per Calendar Year	**Covered Under Major Medical
MATERNITY		
Hospital and Physician Benefits	**Covered Under Major Medical	**Covered Under Major Medical
MAJOR MEDICAL		
Lifetime Maximum	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Annual Deductible Per Member	\$200 (\$600 Family Aggregate Deductible)	\$500 (\$1,000 Family Aggregate Deductible) OR \$1,000 (\$2,000 Family Aggregate Deductible)
Reimbursement Percentage	**80% to \$2,000 in Major Medical Benefits paid, then 100% for Remainder of Calendar Year	**80% to \$2,000 in Major Medical Benefits paid, then 100% for Remainder of Calendar Year
Nervous and Mental Conditions	Inpatient Benefits Covered at 50%: Outpatient Physician Visits Covered at 50% Up to \$500 each Calendar Year	Inpatient Benefits Covered at 50%: Up to \$2,000 Each Calendar Year; Outpatient Physician Visits Covered at 50% to \$500 each Calendar Year
OTHER MAJOR MEDICAL BENEFITS WITH CALENDAR YEAR LIMITS PER MEMBER	Chiropractic \$500	Chiropractic \$ 500 Inpatient Rehabilitative Care \$5,000 Outpatient Rehabilitative Care \$1,000 Alcoholism Treatment \$2,000 Skilled Nursing Facility \$5,000

LIMITATIONS

In addition to the terms outlined above, all programs have special limitations including, but not restricted to coverage for mental or nervous disorders, drug addiction, alcoholism and conditions you may have at the time you apply or for which you have been treated in the past. Additionally, there are waiting periods required for coverage of certain conditions.

If you would like rates and more complete information on Blue Cross Association Medical Plans, please call Tim Walsh in Anchorage at 278-9505 or call Blue Cross direct at (800) 426-6400, Ext. 3320. In either case, please ask for details about the ANNA Plan. A booklet outlining the complete coverage and current rates, along with applications will be mailed to you immediately. Or fill out the coupon below and mail it to: TIMOTHY E. WALSH (Independent Broker)

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