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## **State Health Care Commission releases strategic plan for public comment**

*Commission's report addresses health-care quality and accessibility in Alaska*

(Anchorage, AK) — The Alaska Health Care Commission seeks public input on its five-year strategic plan for strengthening Alaska's health-care delivery system. The report outlines the commission's recommendations for reducing costs and increasing accessibility to health care for all Alaskans.

"Our aim this year was to produce a living document that paints a picture of what an ideal health-care system would look like along with the steps required for achieving it," said Deborah Erickson, executive director of the commission. "Though still a work in progress, the report is available now so that all Alaskans can contribute to the dialogue."

The commission was established in December 2008 to craft a statewide plan for addressing the quality and availability of health care. The commission's first draft of the report touches on everything from workforce development to the role of the consumer in health care.

The document is posted online <http://hss.state.ak.us/healthcommission/>. For a paper copy, call Health and Social Services at (907) 269-7800 or send a request to 3601 C St., Suite 902, Anchorage, AK 99503-5923.

### **Written Comment Period:**

Submit written comments about the report to the following address by Dec. 28:

Deborah Erickson, executive director  
Alaska Health Care Commission  
3601 C Street, Suite 902  
Anchorage, AK 99503-5923

### **Public Hearing to Receive Oral Comments:**

A public hearing to receive oral comments will take place on Monday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Alaska Legislative Information Offices throughout the state.

Find the Legislative Information Office near you by going to <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/misc/lios.phs>.

To participate via teleconference, call (888) 295-4546 during the time of the hearing.

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