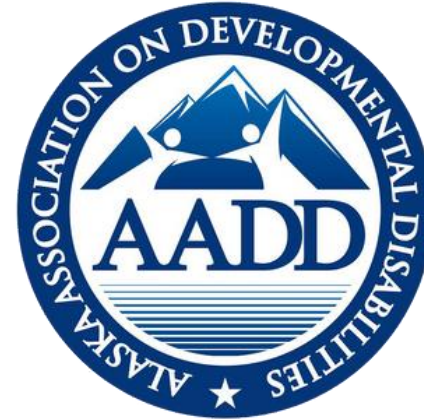


# ALASKA HEALTHCARE 101

November 30, 2022 | 12:00-1:15PM  
Alaska Healthcare Delivery System Part 1

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## 3-Part Series

- **Today:** Alaska Healthcare Delivery System Part 1
- **Dec 5:** Alaska Healthcare Delivery System Part 2
- **Dec 12:** How We Pay for Healthcare: Medicaid, Medicare, Private Pay

## Who You Will Meet

### Part 1

Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association  
Alaska Native Health Board  
Alaska Primary Care Association  
Alaska State Medical Association

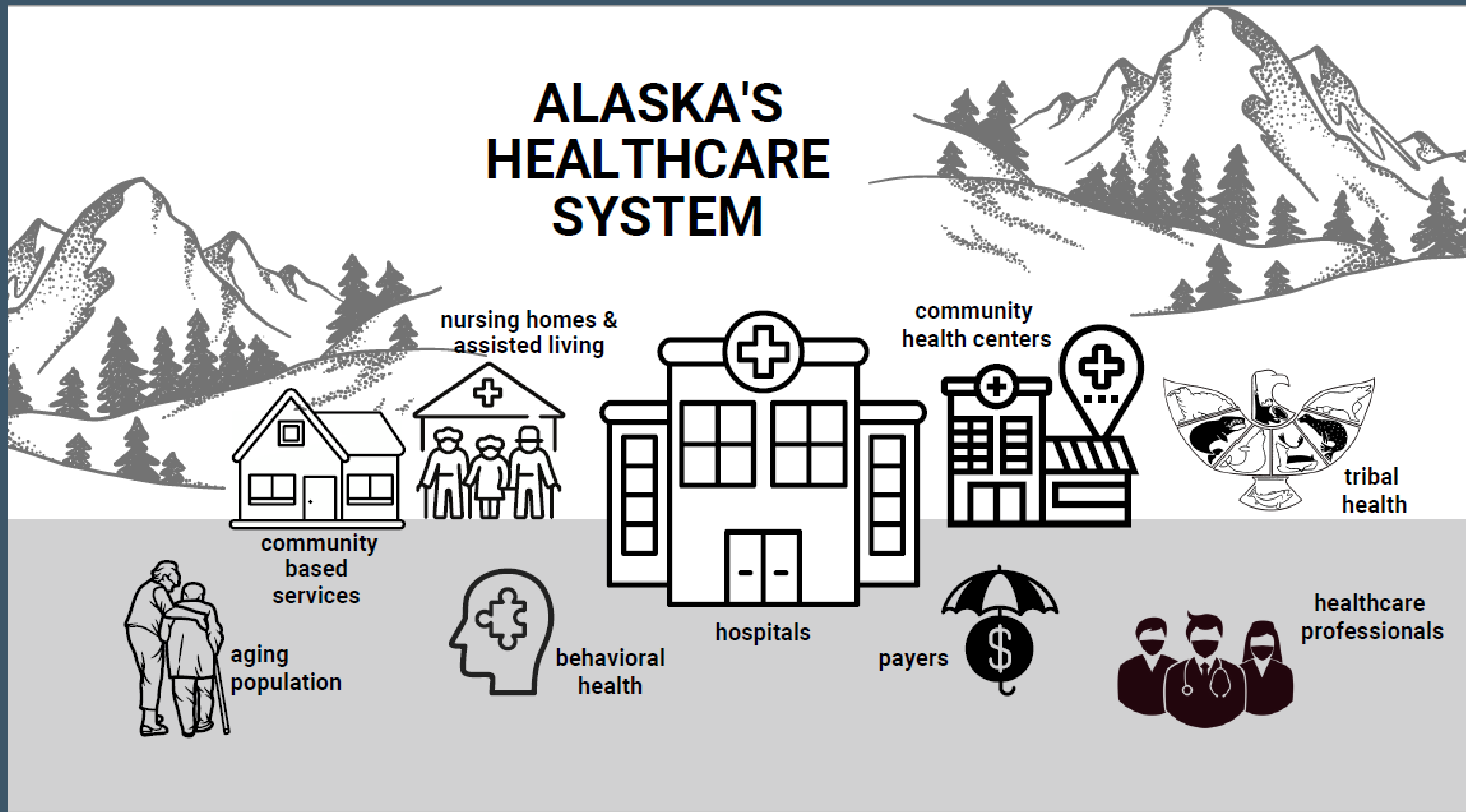
### Part 2

Alaska Behavioral Health Association  
Alaska Mental Health Trust  
Alaska Assoc on Dev Disabilities  
AARP  
Statewide Independent Living Council  
Alaska Healthcare Transformation Project

## What You Will Hear

“Who we are . . . What we do . . . What you need to know”

# ALASKA'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM





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# Advancing Healthcare for Alaska

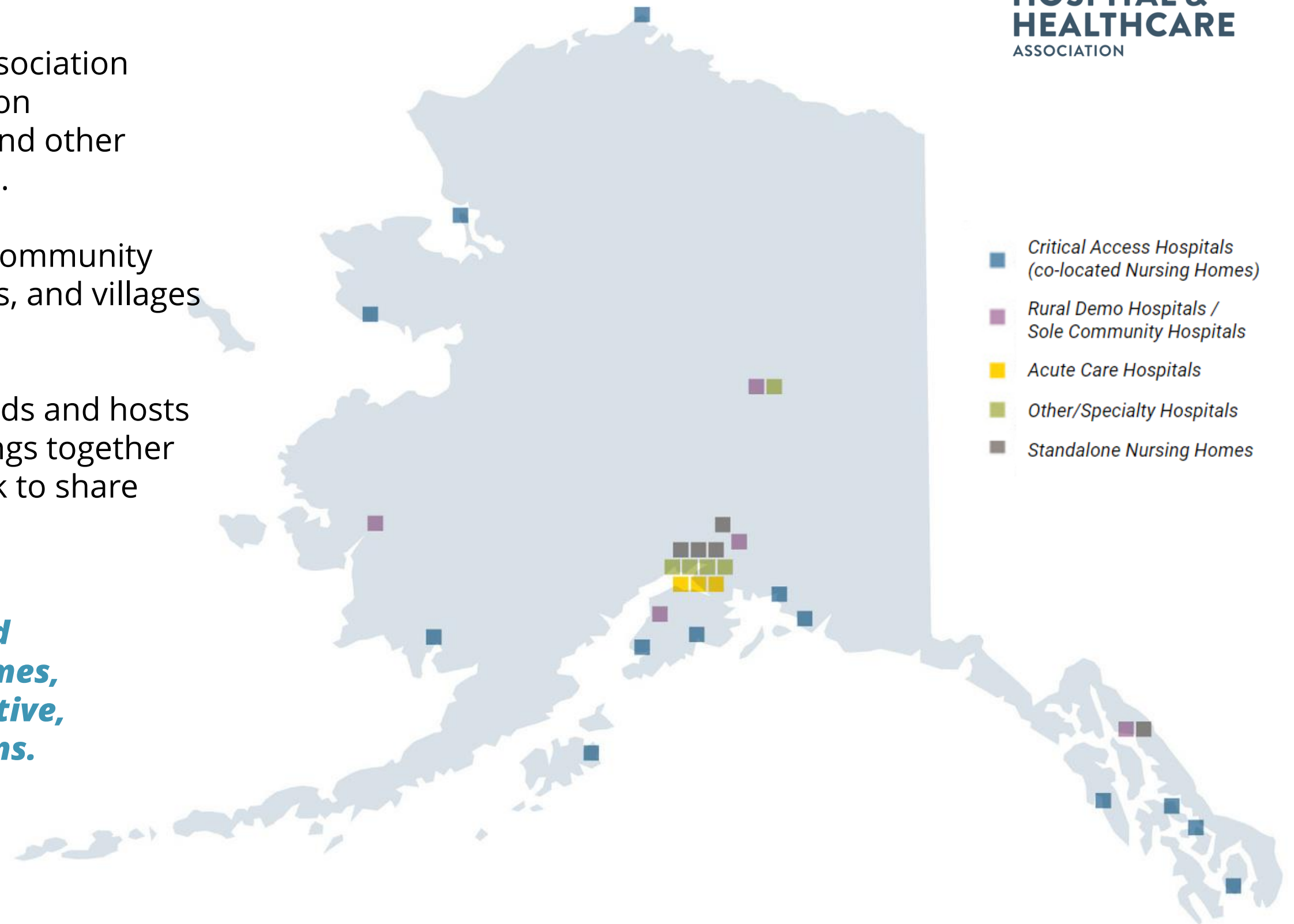


For 70 years, the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) has served as a non-profit trade association representing Alaska's hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare partners across the continuum of care.

AHHA members play an invaluable role, both as community providers and essential employers, in cities, towns, and villages across Alaska.

AHHA provides policy and advocacy expertise, leads and hosts opportunities for education and training, and brings together members and stakeholders for collaborative work to share data, resources, and best practices.

***AHHA's mission is to advance the shared interests of Alaska's hospitals, nursing homes, and healthcare partners to build an innovative, sustainable system of care for all Alaskans.***



# What we do



**13** Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

**3** General Acute Care Hospitals

**5** Sole Community Hospitals (SCH)

**5** Specialty Hospitals

**1,491** acute care beds\*  
(164 ICU beds) **20%** acute care beds  
are off the road system



## Tribal Health System

8 Tribal Hospitals  
27 Health Centers  
166 Village Clinics

## Senior Care

20 Nursing Homes:  
7 Standalone facilities  
13 Co-located with Hospitals

### IN ALASKA

20 acute care beds / 10K people  
1.4 psychiatric beds / 10K people  
9.5 nursing facility beds / 10K people

### IN THE UNITED STATES

24 acute care beds / 10K people  
2.1 psychiatric beds / 10K people  
50 nursing facility beds / 10K people

**7,760**



Babies  
delivered  
in hospitals

**241,700**



Emergency  
Room  
visits

**830**



Nursing  
home  
beds

**42,900**



Healthcare  
workers  
employed in Alaska

**\$51.5M**



Uncompensated  
care for  
uninsured Alaskans

\* Bed counts do not include specialty hospitals

# What you need to know



## Workforce is our biggest challenge . . .

- 6,300 openings each year
- 1,400+ openings for RNs
- Lead U.S. in nurse vacancies by 2030



## What can I do in Juneau?

Support legislation for Alaska Joining the multistate **nurse licensure compact!**

- Used by 39 states / jurisdictions
- Vastly improves licensing process
  - ✓ Get to work faster
  - ✓ Improve recruitment
  - ✓ Support the military

*Coalition of 70+ organizations are lining up to support the NLC*

# Alaska Tribal Health System

## Alaska Healthcare 101



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# Alaska Native Health Board

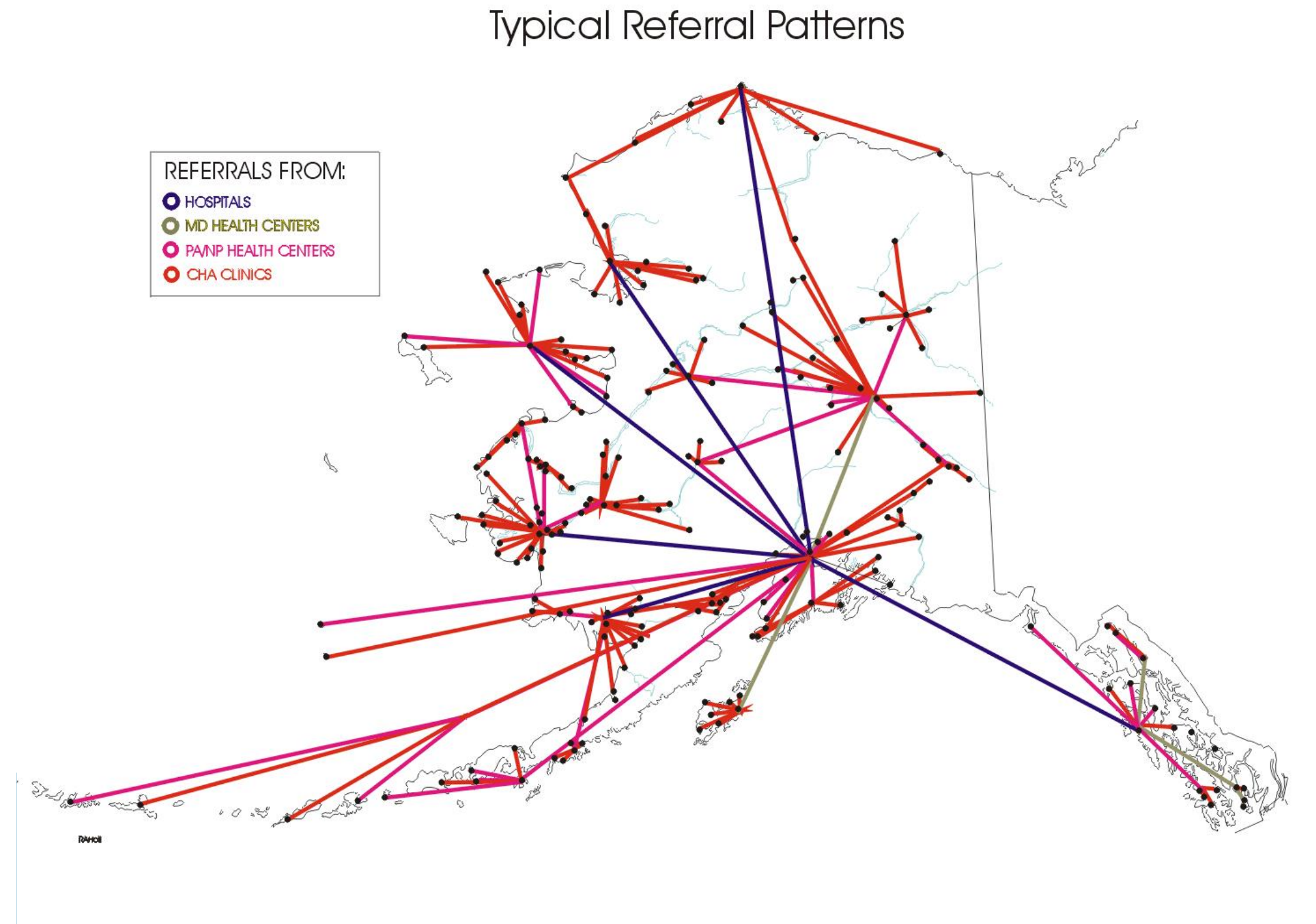
- The Voice of Tribal Health Since 1968
- Advocacy and Policy Analysis
- Annual legislative priorities
- Mega meeting in Juneau (February 2023)
- Tribal self-governance and self-determination
- Celebrating 55 years next year



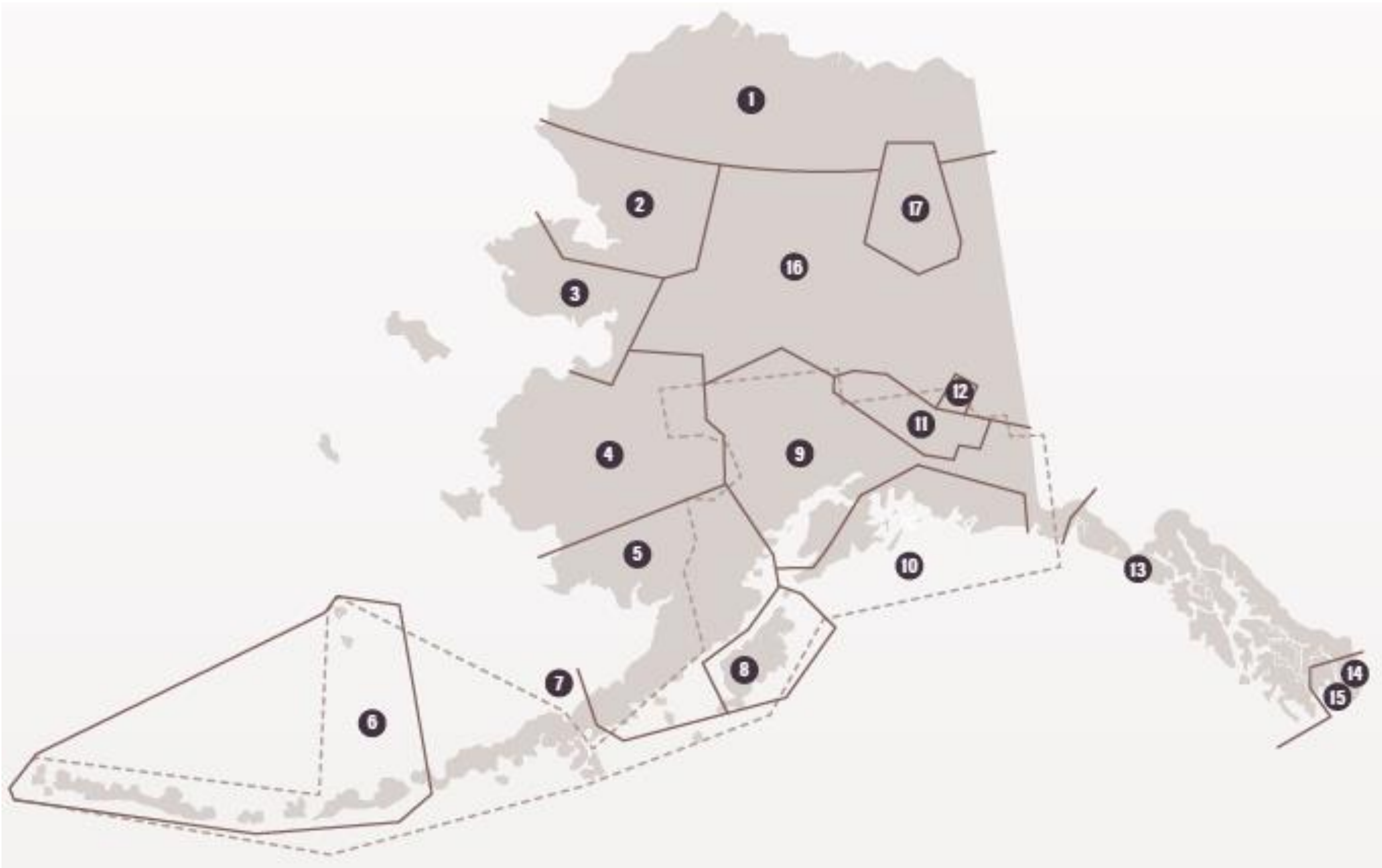


# Alaska Tribal Health System

- Statewide coordination of care
- Voluntary affiliation with Alaska Tribes and Tribal Health Organizations
- Emphasis placed on integrated and wholistic healthcare
- 229 Tribes serving over 188,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people throughout Alaska
- Villages range in size from 12 – 3,000 residents
- Each is autonomous and serves a specific geographical area



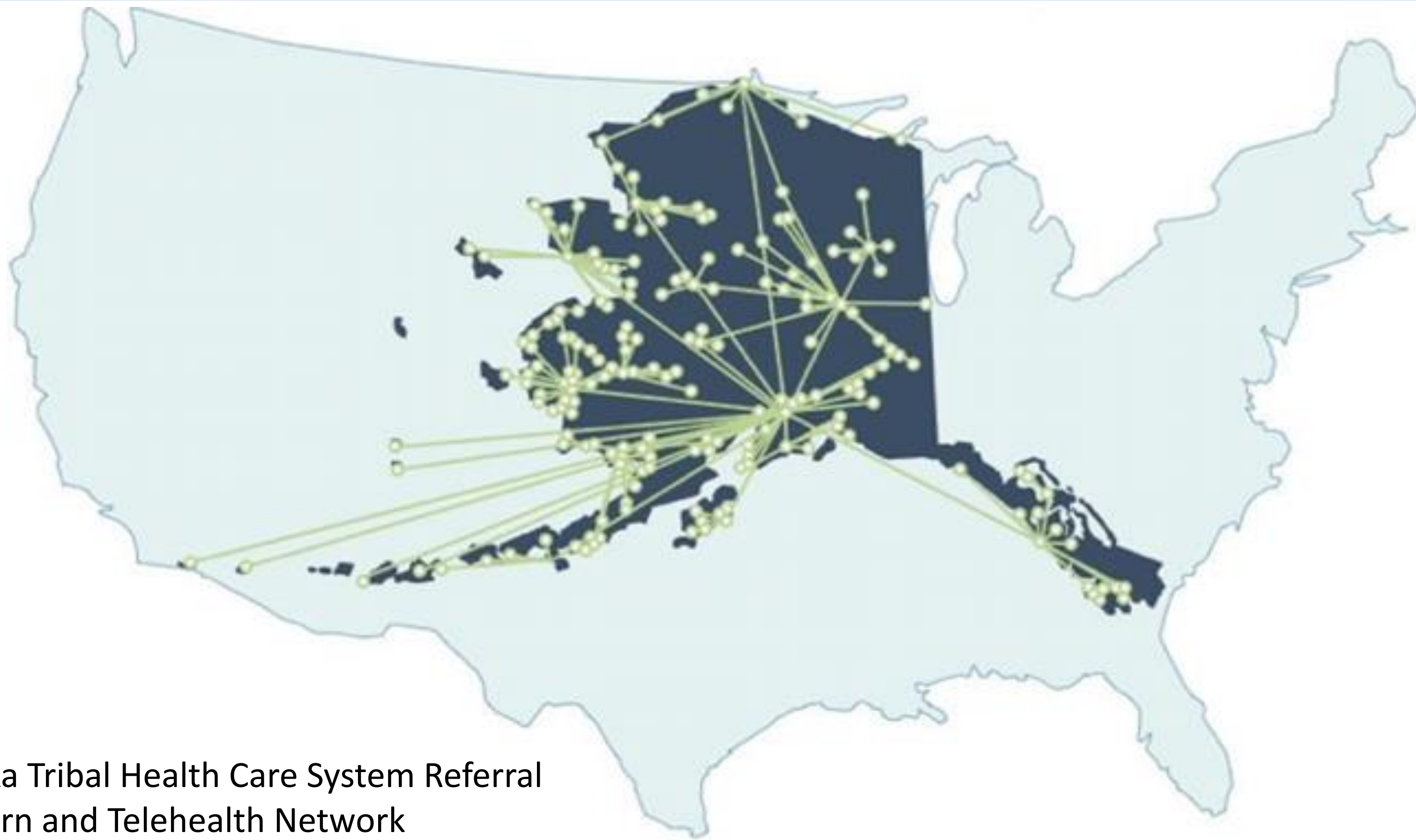
# Regional Tribal Health Locations



- 1. Arctic Slope Native Association
- 2. Maniilaq Association
- 3. Norton Sound Health Corporation
- 4. Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- 5. Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
- 6. Aleutian Pribilof Island Association
- 7. Eastern Aleutian Tribes
- 8. Kodiak Area Native Association
- 9. Southcentral Foundation (dotted line)
- 10. Chugachmiut
- 11. Copper River Native Association
- 12. Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium
- 13. SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
- 14. Ketchikan Indian Community
- 15. Metlakatla Indian Community
- 16. Tanana Chiefs Conference
- 17. Council of Athabascan Tribal Government



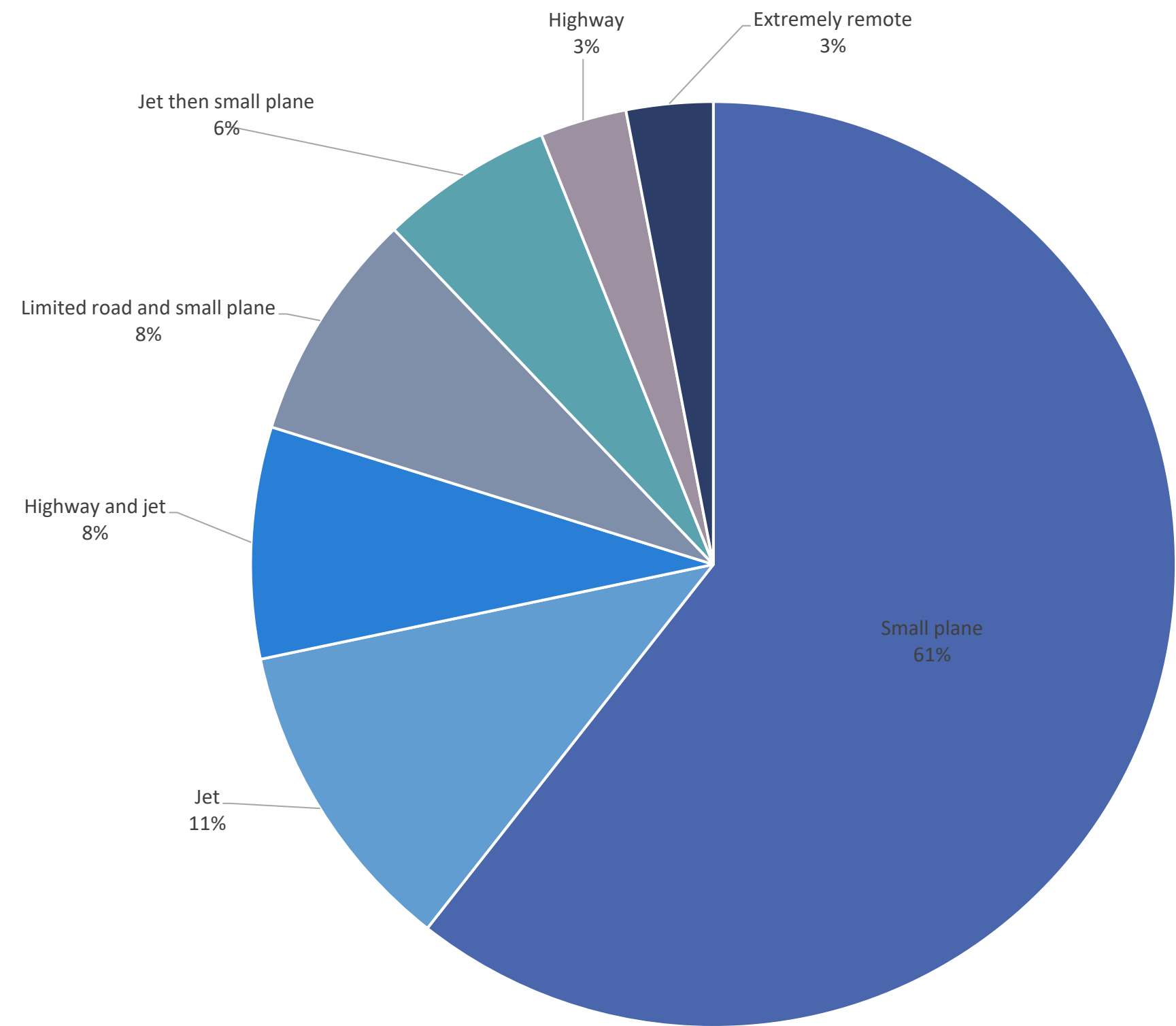
# Tribal Health Referral and Telehealth



Alaska Tribal Health Care System Referral  
Pattern and Telehealth Network

# Alaska in Context: Accessing Healthcare

Modes of Transportation



- 80% of communities are off the road system
- Rural residents travel an average of 147 miles one way for access to next level of care.



# Serving More Alaskans

- Partnership with the Alaska Veterans Affairs Health System
- AHS is a vital part of the Alaska Public Health System and has served as a pillar for the State economy
- Partners with the State of Alaska as it pursues policy and health care coverage
- Represents a large part of Alaska's economy due to its service population and Statewide reach
- Is a larger sector of the State economy than the retail trade, construction industry, professional business and technical services sector, all arts and entertainment, all manufacturing, the information sector, utilities, and agriculture/forestry sector.



# Alaska Community Health Aide Program

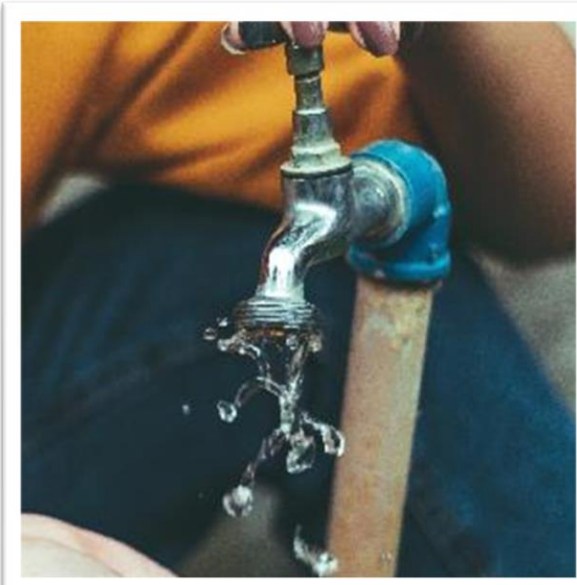
- Community Health Aide/Practitioner (CHA/P)
- Behavioral Health Aide/Practitioner (BHA/P)
- Dental Health Aide/Therapist (DHA/T)





# Ongoing Challenges

## Residents of remote areas experience limited access to:



- **Water and sanitation systems** - Over 3,000 homes and 32 communities lack access to water
- **Housing**- Many residents live in crowded, multi-generational homes, and lack of housing for healthcare professionals
- **Law enforcement** - Most villages lack regular access to police, courts, and related services, 75 communities have no law enforcement presence
- **Internet/Broadband**- Many remote communities do not have internet access
- **Access**- transportation and cost of doing business in rural Alaska



Alaska Primary Care  
ASSOCIATION



# Healthcare 101 – Alaska's Health System Community Health Centers

Alaska Primary Care Association – November 30, 2022  
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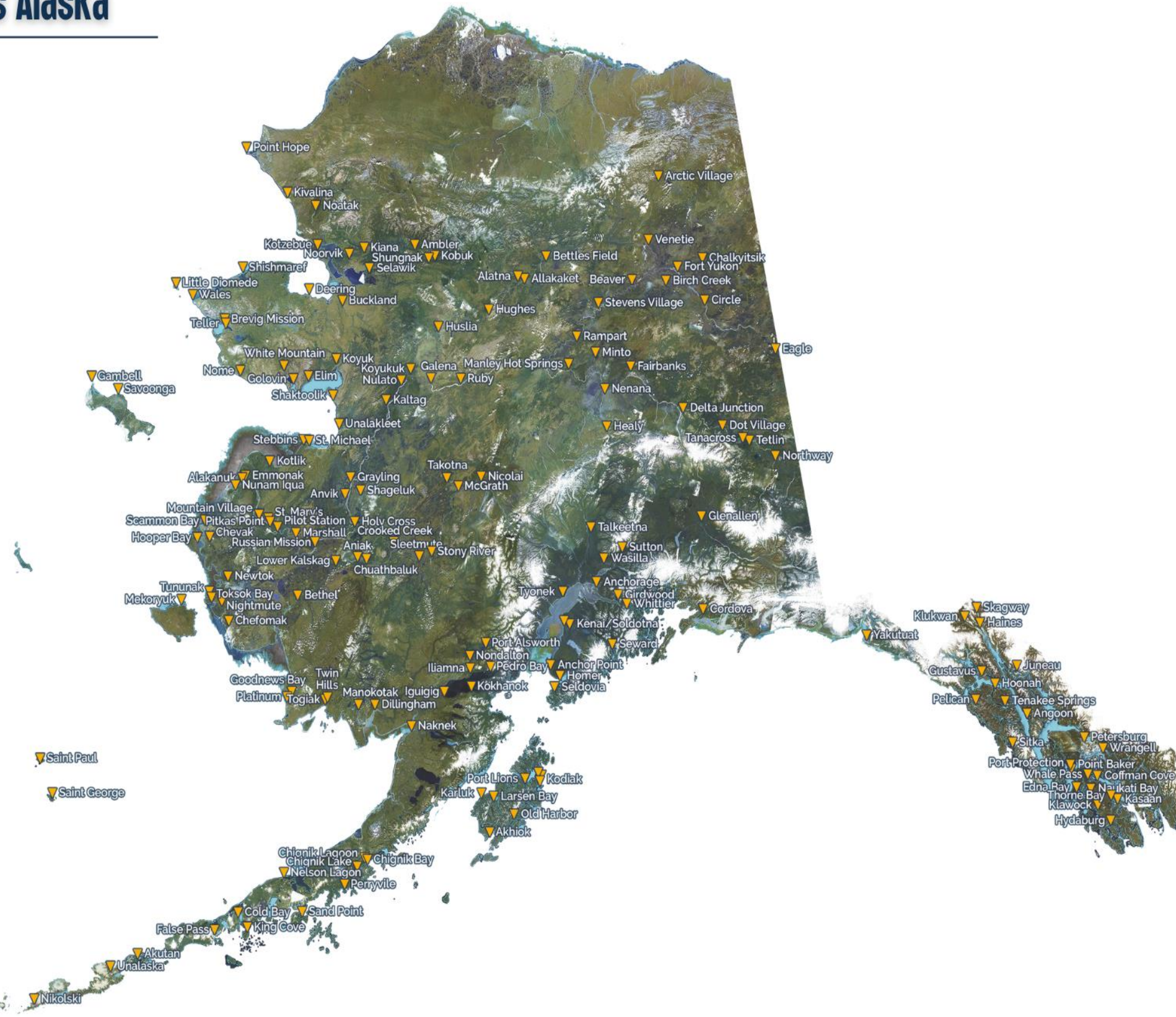


# Alaska Community Health Centers Serve 1 in 5 Alaskans



## Health Centers Across Alaska

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association  
Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center  
Bethel Family Clinic  
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation  
Camai Community Health Center  
Copper River Native Association  
Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments  
Cross Road Health Ministries  
Dahl Memorial Clinic  
Eastern Aleutian Tribes  
Girdwood Health Clinic  
Ilanka Community Health Center  
Iliuliuk Family and Health Services  
Interior Community Health Center  
JAMHI Health and Wellness  
Kodiak Area Native Association  
Kodiak Community Health Center  
Manilaq Association  
Mat-Su Health Services  
Norton Sound Health Corporation  
Peninsula Community Health Services of Alaska  
SVT Health and Wellness  
Seward Community Health Center  
Southcentral Foundation  
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium  
Sunshine Community Health Center  
Yakutat Community Health Center  
Yukon Kuskowim Health Corporation



## 2021 Stats:

- 117,000 patients
- 612,000 visits
- 2,645 staff
- \$1.7b total spending
- \$99m in Medicaid savings
- \$194m in Health System savings
- Over 80% of patients at or below 200% of poverty
- 35% of patients covered by Medicaid
- 35% of patients covered by private insurance



# Where are we in Health Care delivery system



Community Health Centers are also known as Federally Qualified Health Center and CHCs

***CHCs are unique providers in the Healthcare delivery system. They:***

- Provide comprehensive primary care services – medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, & range of other services focused on prevention and managing chronic conditions
- Are tribal and non-tribal, independent, non-profit organizations that are governed by the patients they serve and provide care to anyone – regardless of ability to pay
- Are reimbursed and funded through patient billing (Medicaid, commercial insurance, Medicare, and self-pay), grants, local governments and partnerships.
- Focus on whole person care using integrated teams comprised of clinical providers and community-based workers to address barriers to health
- Partner with Public Health, hospitals, private practice specialists, and a range of community-based organizations to support the health of their patients

# 2023 CHC Opportunities & Challenges



## Current Priorities

- Maximizing data-informed care and decision-making
- Realizing opportunities to diversify income and reimbursement
- Utilizing data to support the safety net needs of patients

## Challenges

- Workforce shortages
- Inadequate base and reimbursement funding
- Addressing demands to increase access & scope of service
- Seeking closer system integration with behavioral health

## 2023 Legislative & Regulatory Goals

- Workforce Development
- Adequate Funding To Support Primary Care Services
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Recognition & Funding For Social Drivers Of Health

# Thank You!



**Learn more about the Community Health Center In Your District**

***Alaskapca.org***

**Health Centers look forward to meeting with you in-district or in Juneau at their annual Fly-In on February 21 & 22, 2023**



# Alaska State Medical Association

Pam Ventgen, Executive Director

# Who we are:

The Alaska State Medical Association (ASMA) is the professional association for physicians in the state.

We represent all physicians in the state:

- \* primary care
- \* medical specialists
- \* small practices and large group practices.





# What we do:

- Work to resolve issues ranging from fair reimbursement for physicians to patient safety and public health.



# What you need to know – Our concerns:

We are concerned about the delays in medical licensure

WWAMI support and funding

Too many physicians are moving out of Alaska or retiring

Workforce shortages in healthcare jobs

Non-physicians expanding scope of practice

Professional liability awards, subrogation clauses



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