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### Affiliated Computer Services assumes all Medicaid provider services for state

On Nov. 1, 2008, Affiliated Computer Services — a national leader in state health-care program administration — assumed all fiscal agent services supporting Medicaid Management Information System for Health and Social Services.

The \$27 million contract allows Affiliated Computer Services to take over operating Alaska's Medicaid management from First Health Services Corporation. First Health is a Virginia-based company that had been running Alaska's MMIS since 1987.

Affiliated Computer Services now administers claims processing, recipient helpline, pharmacy drug rebate and retrospective drug utilization review, system enhancement, electronic data interchange support, pharmacy help desk, and preferred drug list services.

#### Innovative Web-enabled system

In September 2007 Health and Social Services contracted with Affiliated

Computer Services to design, develop, implement and operate a new MMIS system which is called Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise. As part of the contract, the company will provide Alaska with the most innovative, sophisticated, Web-enabled Medicaid system in the healthcare market today.

“For providers, the new system will offer many new options for submitting and correcting claims and will also allow for electronic payments directly into their bank account,” said Bill Streur, Deputy Commissioner for Alaska's Medicaid and Health Care Policy. “Recipients will be able to access the secure Web site 24 hours a day to find providers and verify eligibility.”

Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise is slated for implementation summer 2010.

Visit <http://www.alaskamedicaid.info> for Medicaid Management Information System project updates.