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Medicaid Management Information System: *Implementation, delivery taking longer than expected*

The new Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), known as Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise, is nearing completion of design for the Alaska-specific requirements detailed in the Request for Proposal.

Affiliated Computer Services (ACS), the vendor supplying the system, has informed the MMIS Design Development Implementation Replacement Project management team that delivery of the core Enterprise product will be delayed; therefore, Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise will be delayed.

This delay is not a reflection of the work done by the joint state/ACS project team, and the team continues to work to minimize the impact of the delay. Development, also known as construction, of Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise will begin on the Alaska-specific requirements as the core Enterprise product

becomes available. Implementation of the new system is anticipated to be summer to early fall 2011. Schedule updates, when finalized, will be posted to the project Web site www.alaskamedicaid.info.

“The delay in implementation is not something any of us wanted, but also not uncommon in new product development or projects of this size,” said William Streur, Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and Health Care Policy. “We remain confident of the project’s overall success and believe in the quality and usability of the system that will be built. We are looking at what new services can be implemented early, before Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise is fully operational, including functions like online provider enrollment, document tracking, etc.”

For more information about Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise, go to www.alaskamedicaid.info.