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Medicaid Management Information System: *System design complete*

Significant progress continues on the project to implement Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise, the state's new Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

Final design of the new system was completed and approved in March 2010. Completion of the system design phase marks a major milestone and will allow coding of Alaska-specific requirements to begin.

The project's primary goal continues to be to implement a high-quality MMIS that will accurately and efficiently process payments for Alaska's medical assistance providers while meeting the needs of the members enrolled in the programs.

"Our focus remains on quality as we develop an infrastructure that will enable the state to effectively

serve our citizens for years to come," said William Streur, Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and Health Care Policy.

Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise will be compliant with the new national electronic transaction standards, known as X12 Version 5010 (5010) and NCPDP Version D.0 (D.0). The technical and business changes of transitioning to the use of 5010 and D.0 are significant. The Design Development and Implementation (DDI) MMIS replacement project team is adding these requirements into the existing implementation and will make every effort to minimize the need for multiple testing cycles by health care providers.

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