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AlaskaCare Retirees:

Thank you for sharing your comments concerning the draft AlaskaCare Retiree Plan Booklet produced by the Division of Retirement and Benefits. After further reviewing the draft booklet and the public comments we have received related to the booklet's structure and choice of language, I have concluded that the booklet will require further review before the draft is adopted. Therefore, the Division of Retirement and Benefits will put the draft AlaskaCare Retiree Plan Booklet update project on hold, effective April 30, 2014. Placing this project on hold means that the draft AlaskaCare Retiree Plan Booklet will not be adopted in 2014.

The Division needs to deploy its limited resources towards ensuring that Aetna and Moda are administering the plan correctly under the 2003 Plan Booklet, as amended through January 1, 2014. Any future proposal to adopt a re-written plan booklet will be preceded with notice and an opportunity for public comment.

Additionally, the Division of Retirement and Benefits will be hosting a series of informational meetings with retirees in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau in the coming weeks. A teleconference for those unable to join the Division in person will be held as well. Here are the locations, dates and times of the upcoming information meetings:

- **Anchorage, April 21:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street
- **Fairbanks, April 22:** 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Raven's Landing, 949 McGown Street
- **Juneau, April 28:** Centennial Hall - Hickel Room, 101 Egan Drive, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Statewide, April 29:** Teleconference (number to be announced), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curtis W. Thayer".

Curtis W. Thayer
Commissioner