



# Alaska

Type*	Provision(s)	Description
PRO	Alaska Stat. § 08.95.040, Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, § 18.210(a)(2), (b)(2), Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, § 18.990(3)	Continuing education for social workers must include six hours in cross-cultural education that includes issues relating to Alaska Natives. Cross-cultural education means a structured educational experience such as a course, lecture, workshop, or other organized training that focuses on characteristics of and differences among cultures or groups; cross-cultural education is not limited to clinical applications but should be relevant to the practice of social work; topics may include cross-cultural communications, contemporary anthropology, or Alaska Native cultures.
HEA, RGT	Alaska Stat. § 18.15.385(g)(4)	During hearings to determine isolation or quarantine for public health threats, an individual has a right to an interpreter if the individual does not understand English.
MCO	Alaska Stat. § 21.07.020(12)	A managed care organization's plan must include a provision describing available translation or interpreter services.
INS	Alaska Stat. § 21.42.175(a)-(c)	The director may approve an insurance policy form in a language other than English if the insurance policy form is filed with a copy of the same material in English; and discloses, in both English and the language other than English, that the English language version is the official version and the non-English language version is for informational purposes only. An insurer may not misrepresent information in an insurance policy form or associated material translated into a language other than English.
MEN	Alaska Stat. § 47.30.523(b)(3)	Community mental health program service delivery principles include that persons be provided community mental health services by staff and programs that reflect the culture and linguistic characteristics of their community.
MEN	Alaska Stat. § 47.30.547(3)	An entity that provides community mental health services must establish staffing patterns of qualified and trained personnel that reflect the cultural and linguistic characteristics of the community.
MEN, CHI	Alaska Stat. § 47.30.675	All applicants for voluntary admission for mental health treatment, or an admitted minor at the time the minor reaches the age of 18, must receive, in a language that they understand, notice that should the person desire to leave at a time when the treatment facility determines that the person is mentally ill and as a result is likely to cause serious harm to self or others or is gravely disabled, the facility could initiate commitment proceedings against the person.
HEA, RGT	Alaska Stat. §§ 47.30.735(b)(5), .745(a)	Patients have the right to an interpreter during 30- and 90-day involuntary commitment hearings.
MEN, RGT	Alaska Stat. § 47.30.855	Mental health patients in treatment facilities must have their patient rights explained in a language that they understand.
AGY	Alaska Stat. § 47.30.860	When practicable all documents and notices required by state law to be served on a respondent, or on the respondent's parents, guardian or adult designee, shall be explained in a language the person understands if the respondent is not competent in English.
PWD	Alaska Stat. § 47.80.110(3)	For specialized services or special adaptations of services for individuals with disabilities, providers must establish staffing patterns that reflect the cultural and linguistic characteristics of the community.
CHC, MEN	Alaska Admin. Code tit. 7, §§ 13.070(c)(6), 13.100(f), 71.105(c)(6)	Community health facilities and mental health facilities must maintain written policies and procedures regarding service to major language and cultural population subgroups and must have procedures to make interpreter services available in the languages of the major subgroups in the service area.
MED, STA	Alaska Admin. Code tit.7, § 43.135(d)	For Medicaid payment of sterilization procedures, interpreters must be provided where there are language barriers.

\* Codes are available at the end of the document.

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MEN, CHC	Alaska Admin. Code tit. 7, § 71.030(3)(A)	Community mental health centers receiving state funding must have, as much as practicable, a governing boards representative of the geographic planning area, including representatives of the major racial and linguistic groups.
MEN, MFA	Alaska Admin. Code tit. 7, § 72.020(b)(5)	Facilities applying for recognition as a designated evaluation or treatment facilities (to evaluate and treat mental illness) shall develop, and amend as necessary, written policies and procedures that cover language and cultural relevance of services.
LTC	Alaska Admin. Code tit. 7, § 75.220(d)	For assisted living facilities, an administrator shall ensure that each person who will be in direct, unsupervised contact with residents has the ability to access emergency services, including giving clear directions to emergency personnel of the home's location and describing the nature of the emergency in the primary language of the community.

# Using the State Charts

The Charts present information for each state along three columns. The first column provides a three-letter code that signifies the subject matter of the law being cited. The second column gives the citation to the provision, and the last column offers a brief summary of the provision. The first column coding is as follows:

Code	Subject Matter
AGY	Government agency requirements (excluding hearings/legal proceedings)
CHC	Community health centers
CHI	Children’s health (excluding EPSDT and early intervention)
CON	Consent (e.g. informed consent)
CRD	Credentialing or profiles for health professionals (e.g. nurses’ aides testing)
EIS	Early Intervention Services for children and newborn screening
EPS	Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services
FAM	Use of family members, friends, children as interpreters
HEA	Hearings/legal proceedings
HHC	Home health agencies, personal care services, and adult day health centers (not related to mental illness/developmental disabilities)
HIV	HIV/AIDS
HOS	Hospitals
INS	Insurance carriers (may include health maintenance organizations)
INT	Interpreter standards/certification/qualifications
LTC	Long-term care, including nursing homes, assisted living (not related to mental illness/developmental disabilities)
MED	Medicaid

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MEN	Services for people with mental health issues or developmental disabilities, including behavioral health services, habilitation services and Independent Living services (not facilities)
MCE	Medicare
MCO	Managed care organization/Prepaid in-patient/ambulatory health plan
MFA	Facilities for mental illness, ICF/MRs, and other facilities for the provision of psychiatric or mental health services
OAA	Services for the elderly or services under the Older Americans Act
PAY	Reimbursement/payments
PRO	Health professions standards/requirements
PUB	Public health
PWD	People with disabilities
RGT	Patient/client rights
STA	Sterilization/abortion
TRA	Translation
UNI	Universal
WOM	Services related to women’s health but not abortion/sterilization
XXX	Other