

# THE ALASKA TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOR THE NEXT GENERATION CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Forum Purpose- Identify the Challenges We are Facing and the Opportunities to Address Them**

- conference material - background information
  - AK Native Statewide health plan - 2002
    - Overview of AK Native Health Care System
      - Mosaic of facilities, services and programs
      - Extensive pattern of referrals and networks between components
  - ATHS Memorandum of Understanding - 2004
    - comprehensive, integrated, tribally controlled health care delivery system assuring essential statewide functions while maintaining operational autonomy



## **- Health system demand forecast – Axene Health Partners**

- escalating costs
- flat revenue streams
  - small IHS increases, reductions in reimbursements
- inherent inefficiencies
  - support services, facility utilization, revenue cycle management
- changing demographics
  - aging population, geographic trends
- staffing challenges - physician shortages
- emerging technologies
- appropriate system wide resource allocation
- share costs or limit services

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# Ten Year Outlook

## - Issues

- escalating costs
- limited revenue growth
- need to modernize programs and functions
- changing demographics

## - Outlook

- collaborations
- cost containment
- cost sharing
- efficiencies
  - operational and performance
- core service definition

