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To: Participants of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Health Care Plan

Re: Health Plan Changes

Summary of Material Modification

The following change has been made to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Health Care Plan:

Effective April 1, 2018

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Health Care Plan will implement a surgical travel benefit through Bridge Health for planned non-urgent surgical procedures. BridgeHealth helps you find cost-effective options for surgery if you are willing to travel outside Alaska to obtain services. BridgeHealth contracts with a network of high quality providers who offer negotiated rates on surgical services, such as orthopedic surgeries and joint replacement, spinal surgery, women's health, certain cardiac and vascular procedures, hernia surgery, thyroid surgery and bariatric surgery.

Here are some of the advantages of using BridgeHealth for surgery:

- You pay \$0 deductible and \$0 coinsurance. Services received through Bridge Health are covered at 100% by the Plan.
- BridgeHealth arranges the surgery and will facilitate your travel.
- Travel costs are covered for you and a companion, including airfare, lodging and a meal allowance.

This benefit provided by Bridge Health gives you access to top-rated hospitals, surgery centers and doctors for your type of procedure. Using third party quality measures, Bridge Health pre-screens and selects providers that achieve high quality ratings for low complications, infections and readmissions.

The program is voluntary, and is available for all participants for whom the Kenai Peninsula School District health plan pays primary.

You will receive additional information featuring Bridge Health in the coming weeks. We encourage you to consider contacting Bridge Health for any recommended surgery.

If you have any questions regarding your benefits, please contact Stacey Cockroft at 907.714.8879 or scockroft@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.