

# STATE OF ALASKA



## LEGISLATURE

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington DC 20201

Re: 19 Republican Attys General Letter to the Secretary regarding RIN Number 0945-AA20

To Secretary Becerra:

We encourage the Department of Health to support executive action strengthening the rights of individuals under HIPAA to further protect the privacy of individuals seeking reproductive health care across state lines. We are aware several state attorneys general oppose this executive action. Alaskans amended our constitution decades ago to include a right to privacy, and we believe this right extends to individuals who choose to receive their healthcare in our state. Further, we believe any release of the medical information of Alaskans should remain part of an aggregate to protect the privacy rights of patients, in accordance with our constitution, and that individual information should continue to be protected.

Sincerely,

Representative Jennie Armstrong

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Representative Maxine Dibert

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Representative Ashley Carrick

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Representative Zack Fields

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