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April 30, 2025

State of Alaska  
Department of Health  
Tara Shultz, Grant POC  
Juneau, AK 99811-0650

**Letter of Support for Maniilaq Association Application for the Community Health Centers Senior Access Program for FY 2026**

Dear Tara Shultz or DOH Reviewer,

Please accept this letter of support for Maniilaq Association's grant application for the Community Health Centers - Senior Access Program. Maniilaq Association is the primary provider of Health and Social Services for the communities of the Northwest Arctic. The Maniilaq service area includes the communities of Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, and Shungnak in the Northwest Arctic Borough and the village of Point Hope in the North Slope Borough.

The goals for this Maniilaq CHC Senior Access grant program is to facilitate access to affordable healthcare for Alaskans ages 65 years and older. The anticipated outcome of this program approach includes increased access to healthcare services for senior populations as measured by number of existing clients served and new clients served.

Maniilaq SDS program will provide:

- Village outreach services to provide education regarding Medicare or CHC services for seniors.
- Providing information on how families and elders can sign up for Medicare.

Maniilaq Association has provided health and social services to members of our tribe for over thirty years, and its efforts are more vital today than ever. Please accept our support for Maniilaq's application for working to improve healthcare for Alaskans ages 65 years and older.

Sincerely,

Leon Kiana  
City Manager



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State of Alaska  
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Emma Burick, Grant POC  
Juneau, AK 99811-0650

**Letter of Support for Maniilaq Association Application for the Request for Proposal Public Health Nursing For FY 2026**

Dear Emma Burick or DOH Reviewer,

Please accept this letter of support for Maniilaq Association's grant application for the Public Health Nursing Grant. Maniilaq Association is the primary provider of Health and Social Services for the communities of the Northwest Arctic. The Maniilaq service area includes the communities of Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, and Shungnak in the Northwest Arctic Borough and the village of Point Hope in the North Slope Borough.

The goals for this program include, but are not limited to:

- Improving the health of individuals and populations, enhancing the community's capacity for health improvement, and increase community resilience to effectively respond to and recover from public health emergencies, in addition to the state and local public health issues anticipated by DHSS;
- Advocacy and systems development activities designed to help communities identify and resolve health problems; supporting the effects of our partners to address social determinants of health;
- Surveillance and follow up of communicable disease to avoid further infections;
- Conducting health education, health promotion, disease prevention and risk reduction of services targeted towards at risk individuals.

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Sincerely,

Leon Kiana  
City Manager





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Tara Shultz, Grant POC  
Juneau, AK 99811-0650

**Letter of Support for Maniilaq Association Application for the Request for Proposal  
Developmental Disabilities Resource Connection For FY 2026**

Dear Tara Shultz or DOH Reviewer,

Please accept this letter of support for Maniilaq Association's grant application for the Developmental Disabilities Resource Connection Grant (DDRC). Maniilaq Association is the primary provider of Health and Social Services for the communities of the Northwest Arctic. The Maniilaq service area includes the communities of Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, and Shungnak in the Northwest Arctic Borough and the village of Point Hope in the North Slope Borough. For this DDRC grant program, Maniilaq will also be providing services to the Nome region.

The goals for this Developmental Disabilities Resource Connection application is to help create and support stability, enhance quality of life, and foster independence for individuals who experience developmental disabilities, and their families and caretakers. Maniilaq SDS DDRC program has been providing an access point for information, education about existing program, options for counseling, person centered planning, and/or additional support with accessing services and accessing State of Alaska developmental disabilities waivers and other services.

The expected outcomes for Maniilaq DDRC Program include:

- Provide a conflict free entry point for people seeking long-term services through SDS.
- Increase/maintain the number of individuals who access information referral and assistance for state and local resources through the DDRC recorded as contact in AK GetCare)
- Increase/maintain the number of individuals receiving a Person-Centered Intake (PCI) and options counseling through the DDRC (recorded in AK GetCare)
- Increase/maintain the number of individuals receiving assistance applying for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Eligibility through DDRC
- Increase/maintain the number of individuals receiving assistance updating their Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) through the DDRC
- Provide community awareness of the DDRC Program through outreach efforts.

Maniilaq Association has provided health and social services to members of our tribe for over thirty years, and its efforts are more vital today than ever. Please accept our support for Maniilaq's application for addressing access to services for people and families dealing with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Leon Kiana  
City Manager



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## LETTER OF SUPPORT

April 30, 2025

State of Alaska  
Department of Health  
Rochelle Solanoy, Grant POC  
Juneau, AK 99811

### **Letter of Support for Maniilaq Association application for Request for Proposals Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury for FY 2026**

Dear Rochelle Solanoy or DOH Reviewer,

I am writing this letter in support of the Maniilaq Association State of Alaska Division of Senior and Disability Services grant application for the request for proposals for the Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury (TABI) for FY26 program, which provides support and assistance to people with Developmental Disabilities. Each year, 30 people are hospitalized for TABI in the Northwest Arctic, more than half of those hospitalized for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) are under the age of 29 years old.

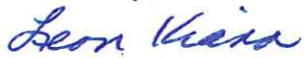
At rate of 226.4 per 10,000 in the Northwest Arctic and 157.4 per 10,000 in Nome / Norton Sound area, the Maniilaq and Nome / Norton Sound regions have the highest rates of Traumatic Brain Injuries in Alaska and the United States. To better assist residents impacted by these injuries, the Maniilaq Public Health Nursing (PHN) commits to share information and referral services as appropriate to assist the Maniilaq TABI Program with case management, tracking client progress toward treatment goals, and referring clients to appropriate in-region and out-of-region services.

The Maniilaq TABI program provides assistance to individuals who have been diagnosed with a traumatic or acquired brain injury and case management services. Services provided by Maniilaq TABI program cover both the Nome and Maniilaq Service Area, which have the highest rates of Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injuries in the state.

Maniilaq Association TABI program focus is on providing person-centered case management services for Alaskans with traumatic or acquired brain injuries in Northwest Alaska and Nome service area. Case management provides an opportunity for individuals with TABI to meet with a case manager who can help identify needed services, assist in locating those services and providers, and continue monitoring and evaluating how those services are provided over time. Our sole case manager is not a direct service provider, but rather, someone who uncovers the health and social resources that the individual with TABI may require for healing and support and/or independent living. The Maniilaq TABI Program will also refer TABI clients to in-region

(Kotzebue and Nome/Norton Sound) and out-of-region (service providers in Anchorage and the regional ADRC in Dillingham) services where appropriate.

Sincerely,

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Leon Kiana  
City Manager