

Dear Ms. Brodie and Dr. Butler:

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) would like to thank and commend Alaska for its exemplary participation in the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 6|18 Initiative. We have been delighted to work with such a dedicated team to implement disease prevention and control strategies in Alaska.

CHCS and ASTHO are pleased to invite current and graduate 6|18 Initiative states to consider participating in the 2018-2019 cycle of technical assistance under the 6|18 Initiative. Current and past states may submit a statement of interest form selecting up to two new health conditions to focus their work on. States may focus on implementation of interventions related to prevention of five high-burden health conditions: tobacco use; asthma; inappropriate antibiotic use; high blood pressure; and type 2 diabetes.

With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, CHCS has been partnering with ASTHO and CDC for the past two years to provide expert technical assistance to 17 pairs of Medicaid and Public Health teams as they tailor their interventions to their respective health care delivery systems and state policy environments. The technical assistance will launch with an in-person convening in Atlanta, Georgia on October 9-10, 2018. Over 12 months, from October 2018 through October 2019, selected states and territories will:

- Develop a high-level action plan that outlines their 6|18 goals, activities, and technical assistance needs;
- Work directly with a range of subject matter experts from CDC, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), CHCS, ASTHO and additional organizations on targeted implementation topics;
- Participate in individual technical assistance calls and peer-to-peer learning opportunities to build capacity for cross-agency partnership and accelerate adoption of chosen prevention strategies;
- Attend up to two in-person convenings; and
- Receive access to a wide range of how-to tools, templates, and other resources.

If Alaska is interested in participating in the 2018 – 2019 cycle of technical assistance for the 6|18 Initiative, please review the accompanying project description, complete the attached statement of interest form, and submit the form to Alissa Beers at ABeers@chcs.org by close of business on **August 10, 2018**. For more information about this opportunity, please join us for an informational webinar on July 23, 2018 by registering [here](#).

Best wishes,

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