

# Alaska Tribal Health System



The Alaska Tribal Health System is a voluntary affiliation of Tribes and Tribal organizations providing health services to Alaska Native and American Indian people. Comprised of the 26 signing organizations of the Alaska Tribal Health Compact, which authorizes Tribal management of services previously provided by the Indian Health Service. Each Tribal health organization is autonomous and serves a specific geographical area across the state of Alaska.

## Importance of Tribal management in health care

In Alaska, Tribal management of health care recognizes the importance of local decision making for the unique health care needs of the Tribal members served.

### Tribal health care management provides:

- Customer-owned health programs
- Local decision-making and flexibility
- Local priority setting and budget allocation
- Integration of primary care for families at all stages of life
- Culturally relevant health programs

## Health care services provided through the Alaska Tribal Health System

- Primary medical care
- Specialty care and professional support services
- Dental and oral health
- Behavioral health
- Preventative wellness programs
- Health research
- Health education for rural primary care
- Public health community infrastructure construction



## Alaska Tribal Health System Regional Health Consortia

1. Arctic Slope Native Association
2. Maniilaq Association
3. Norton Sound Health Corporation
4. Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
5. Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
6. Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
7. Eastern Aleutian Tribes
8. Kodiak Area Native Association
9. Southcentral Foundation (service area in blue)
10. Chugachmiut
11. Copper River Native Association
12. Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium
13. SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
14. Ketchikan Indian Community
15. Metlakatla Indian Community
16. Tanana Chiefs Conference
17. Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments



## Medical care services levels and referral network

### Community Health Clinics

The majority of Alaska rural communities have fewer than 350 residents. Health care needs in these communities are served through 180 small rural health clinics providing primary care provided by: 550 Community Health Aides/Practitioners; 125 Behavioral Health Aides; 60 Dental Health Aides/ 20+ Dental Health Aide Therapists; 100 Home health/Personal Care Attendants.

### Subregional Clinics

There are 25 subregional advanced practice clinics, located in hub communities to serve surrounding small villages. Services provided include: Advanced practice providers; modest radiology services; modest lab services; dental operatories; behavioral health professionals.

### Regional Hospitals

Accredited regional hospitals, managed by Tribal health organizations:

**Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital**, managed by Arctic Slope Native Association. A 10-bed facility located in Utqiagvik (Barrow); serves six Tribes of the Arctic Slope region.

**Kanakanak Hospital**, managed by Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation. A 16-bed facility located in Dillingham; serves four subregions and 28 Tribes of the Bristol Bay area.



**Maniilaq Health Center**, managed by Maniilaq Association. A 17-bed facility located in Kotzebue; serves 12 Tribes of the northwest Arctic region.

**Norton Sound Regional Hospital**, managed by the Norton Sound Health Corporation. Located in Nome; serves 20 Tribes of the Bering Strait region in northwestern Alaska.

**Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital**, managed by SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. A 25-bed facility located in Sitka; serves 20 communities throughout southeast Alaska.

**Wrangell Medical Center**, managed by the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). A critical access hospital and long-term care facility with a 14-bed long-term care unit and an eight-bed acute care unit located in Wrangell; serves 20 communities throughout southeast Alaska.



**Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital**, managed by Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. A 50-bed facility located in Bethel; serves 58 Tribes of southwest Alaska.

**Alaska Native Medical Center** Located in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, a tertiary referral 182-bed hospital managed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Southcentral Foundation. Services include a full-range of medical specialties, primary care, pharmacy, laboratory and surgical services and serves as the statewide trauma response.



## About Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is a nonprofit Tribal health organization designed to meet the unique health needs of Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Alaska. In partnership with the Alaska Native and American Indian people that we serve and the Tribal health organizations of the Alaska Tribal Health System, ANTHC provides world-class health services.

Our work includes comprehensive medical services at the Alaska Native Medical Center, wellness programs, disease research and prevention, rural provider training and rural water and sanitation systems construction.

ANTHC is the largest, most comprehensive Tribal health organization in the United States, and Alaska's second-largest health employer with more than 2,500 employees offering an array of health services to people around the nation's largest state.

**Our Vision:** Alaska Native people are the healthiest people in the world.

**Our Mission:** Optimizing health and well-being through collaborative partnerships and services.



**ALASKA NATIVE  
TRIBAL HEALTH  
CONSORTIUM**

**Founded:** 1997

**Service population:** More than 163,000  
Alaska Native and American Indian people  
living in Alaska

**ANTHC staff:** 2,630

**Total specialty clinic visits:** 107,280

**Total specialty clinic procedures:** 20,647

**Total inpatient discharges:** 7,813

**Total ANMC surgical cases:** 17,313

**Babies born:** 1,456

**ANMC specialty services:** 36

**Behavioral Health Aides certified:** 87

**CHAPs trained in 2022:** 65

**DHATs trained in 2022:** 11



## What we do

### Specialty medical care at ANMC

In partnership with Southcentral Foundation, ANTHC operates the the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), a state-of-the-art, 182-bed hospital providing comprehensive medical services to Alaska Native and American Indian people\*. ANMC was Alaska's first Level II Trauma Center, is a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center and a Comprehensive Pediatric Emergency Center and shared the American Hospital Association's Carolyn Boone Lewis *Living the Vision* Award with the Alaska Tribal Health System.



### Healthy Homes and Communities

Healthy homes and communities are the foundation for improving the health of Alaska Native people. ANTHC's services include planning, design, construction and operations support for public health infrastructure and utilities throughout Alaska. Through our work, ANTHC provides sustainable public health solutions and protects the health of Alaska Native people in their home communities.



### Healthy People and Prevention

ANTHC offers preventative health services and programs to elevate the health status of Alaska Native communities. We partner with Tribal health organizations across the state to offer wellness programs for chronic diseases such as diabetes and liver disease, while encouraging healthy choices through education and services in tobacco prevention, injury prevention, and traditional food and nutrition.



### Health Research and Data

Our health research and data work analyzes trends and develops solutions for priority health problems. ANTHC's work includes research from the Alaska Native Epidemiology Center and clinical research in the U.S. Tribal health system.



### Health Technology and Telehealth

ANTHC's health technology and telehealth services allow health care professionals to work together in the Tribal health system to provide quality care and increased access for Alaska Native people. Telehealth videoconferencing provides access to the highest quality health care providers and specialists in regional or urban centers not usually available in rural areas, and helps make patient care more efficient by reducing the wait time, travel time and expense of specialty care and follow-up visits.



### Health Training and Education

ANTHC helps retain and recruit the best health care providers for the Alaska Tribal Health System through its commitment to health training and education. We support the statewide Community Health Aide Program, the nationally-recognized Dental Health Aide Therapist program and the statewide Behavioral Health Aide program. Additional scholarship programs, provider residency training and internships ensure the future growth of our health system.



### Health Advocacy

ANTHC works with many partners, lawmakers and advocates to build a unified health system that achieves the highest quality services. ANTHC staff provides trainings, resources and navigation services to Tribal health partners and individuals to support the health of Alaska Native people and the Alaska Tribal Health System.



### Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation

The Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation works to raise awareness and funding to further ANTHC's vision. Proceeds from HANF's fundraising work supports three key initiatives: improvement of medical care, wellness and prevention, and healthy village environments.

*\*The Alaska Native Medical Center is jointly owned and managed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Southcentral Foundation.*

**Learn more at [www.anthc.org](http://www.anthc.org)!**



## Alaska Native Medical Center: High-quality, culturally sensitive health care

As an acute, specialty, primary and behavioral health care provider, the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) provides comprehensive medical services to Alaska Native and American Indian people living in the state. ANMC includes the 182-bed hospital, as well as a full range of medical specialties, primary care, pharmacy and laboratory services.

ANMC also works in close partnership with Alaska's rural health facilities to support a broad range of health care and related services. As the statewide referral center, ANMC operates both the Quyana House and ANMC Patient Housing facility, which provide a combined 244 rooms for our out-of-town patients and their escorts. These facilities are supported by our Travel Management team who facilitates housing, travel services and Medicaid authorizations.

**Mission:** The Alaska Native Medical Center fulfills the mission and vision of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and Southcentral Foundation (SCF) by working together with the Native community to achieve wellness by providing the highest quality health services for all Alaska Native people.

**History:** In the 1950s, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (later transferred to the Indian Health Service) began providing health care for Alaska Native people. By 1999, ANMC's transition to Alaska Native ownership was completed with its transfer to ANTHC and SCF. Today, ANMC has become a world leader in health care where advanced technology meets culturally sensitive patient and-family-centered care. ANMC is also a gathering place where longtime friends celebrate life events, learn ways to maintain wellness and simply visit one another.

### Specialty Care Services

Allergy & Immunology	Neurology
Audiology	Neurosurgery
Cardiology	OB/GYN Services & Perinatology
Dermatology	Oncology & Hematology
Diabetes	Ophthalmology
Endocrinology	Orthopedics
Ear, Nose & Throat	Pain Management
Emergency & Trauma	Pediatric & Neonatal Intensive Care
Gastroenterology	Palliative Care
General Surgery	Podiatry
Hepatology	Pulmonology
Hospitalist	Rehabilitation Services
Infectious Disease	Rheumatology
Inpatient Pediatrics	Sleep Medicine
Internal Medicine	Urology
Nephrology	

### Primary Care Services

Behavioral Health
Complementary Medicine
Dental
Imaging
Laboratory
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Primary Care
Traditional Healing

## FY 2022 Numbers:

Service Population: 159,541

Inpatient Discharges: 7,831

Total Inpatient Days: 52,341

Births: 1,456

Specialty Clinic Visits:

107,280

Specialty Clinic Procedures:

20,647

Emergency Department

Visits: 50,115

Surgical Cases: 17,313

## Contact Information:

24-Hour Main Switchboard

907-563-ANMC (2662)

Travel Management Office

855-482-4382

Patient Experience

907-729-3990

Emergency Department

907-729-1729

Eligibility

907-729-2353

Public Relations

akamarketing@anthc.org

Volunteer Services

907-729-1120

Hospital

Administration

907-729-1997

Primary Care Center

Administration

907-729-3250

## Recognition and Awards

### Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center

Providing the highest level of trauma care in Alaska, ANMC serves as the referral center for all Tribal health facilities in the state.

### Designated Baby-Friendly Birth Facility

The initiative encourages and recognizes hospitals and birthing centers that offer an optimal level of care for breast feeding mothers and their babies.

### Joint Commission Accreditation

This accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects adherence to the highest hospital performance standards.

## Milestones and Honors

- 2021** ANMC receives Patient Safety "Beacon" Award from the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association
- 2020** ANMC deemed "Meritorious" for outstanding quality scores in eight surgical care outcome areas by the American College of Surgeons NSQIP
- 2020** ANMC Pharmacy receives Warren Weaver/Richard Penna Award from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties
- 2018** ANMC is verified as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center
- 2015** ANMC is recognized as a Comprehensive Pediatric Emergency Center
- 2012** ANMC earns Gold Medal of Honor for Organ Donation from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for efforts that save and improve lives
- 2011** ANMC launches Electronic Health Record (EHR) and receives Project Excellence Award by Cerner for operational, financial and relationship excellence during implementation
- 2008** The ANMC Volunteer Auxiliary receives the prestigious American Hospital Association's Award for Volunteer Excellence
- 2007** ANMC wins first of two consecutive Hospital Quality Achievement Awards
- 2006** ANMC becomes a tobacco-free campus
- 2006** ANMC receives Center of Excellence in Evidence-Based Practice Award
- 2004** The Hepatitis Program establishes a molecular biology diagnostics lab, the first in the nation to be housed in a Tribal facility
- 2002** An advanced teleradiology project links imaging equipment in villages with radiology specialists in Anchorage, reducing time for diagnosis and treatment
- 1999** ANMC is verified as a Level II Trauma Center, making it the highest level emergency treatment provider in the state
- 1999** Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Southcentral Foundation jointly assume management of ANMC from the Indian Health Service
- 1997** World-class Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) Hospital opens on Tudor Road, replacing the aging Third Avenue facility
- 1955** The Indian Health Service was established as a bureau of the U.S. Public Health Service, and assumed management of ANS
- 1953** Under Bureau of Indian Affairs management, Anchorage Medical Center of the Alaska Native Service (known as ANS) opens on Third Avenue in Anchorage