

## **The Enhanced Premium Tax Credit is a Lifeline for Alaskans**

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**To the Editor,**

We are reaching out today in representation of Kodiak Reentry, Inc. (KRI). KRI works to reduce recidivism and strengthen support for those involved in the justice system to benefit the entirety of the community of Kodiak. The mission is rooted in the belief that successful reentry is a shared responsibility between individuals, families, community organizations, and the state.

On behalf of those of us here at Kodiak Reentry, Inc., we would like to bring light to an issue many of us may already be aware of.

Thousands of Alaskans, including Kodiak's most vulnerable populations, may face a healthcare crisis by the end of 2025. The Enhanced Premium Tax Credit (ePTC) is set to expire, and without renewal, health insurance costs could more than double, pricing out many individuals and families.

In Kodiak, the Reentry community, low-income families, and small business owners will be hit hardest. For those reentering society after incarceration, the added burden of unaffordable healthcare can be devastating. Limited access to employment, housing, and treatment already creates significant barriers; exorbitant health insurance costs will only exacerbate these challenges.

Without the ePTC, many will be forced to rely on emergency services or forego care altogether, leading to poorer health outcomes and increased healthcare costs in the long run. Extending the ePTC will ensure that Kodiak's most vulnerable populations can access the healthcare they need, promoting a healthier, more resilient community.

The ePTC is a vital lifeline for working Alaskans, and its expiration will have far-reaching consequences. Here at KRI we hope to bring attention to the matter as the countdown to expiration looms.

Sincerely,

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