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Dear Alaskan:

Starting in July, your family's Temporary Assistance payment will be reduced by half. For example, if you normally receive \$600 per month, your benefit will be reduced to \$300. This reduction will continue through the month of September. Temporary Assistance benefits for two-parent families are reduced in the summer when more jobs and job opportunities are available.

Employment is important throughout the year but your opportunities for getting a job in the summer are tremendous. If you haven't lined up a job yet, there's still time. Our staff is here to help you and you can take advantage of several workshops and job clubs at your local Job center to help you make contacts with employers that may lead you to a new job. We have job listings in our offices and staff that are constantly developing new job leads that you can use. Again, this is the best time of year to find work and employers all over the state are already hiring workers for summer jobs. There are many different kinds of jobs available to match your interests and skills.

As always, we are here to assist you. We can help you with child care expenses and there may be other services that we can help you with that can make a big difference when you are trying to balance work and family responsibilities.

Please contact your case manager right away to talk about the help you need to find work or a better paying job. We are here to help!

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Lombardo
Director of Public Assistance

NOTICE: X067

TITLE: SEASONAL BENEFIT DECREASE

Starting in July, your family's Temporary Assistance payment will be reduced by half. This reduction will continue through the month of September. Temporary Assistance payments for two-parent families are reduced during the months of July, August, and September when more jobs are available. You will receive another notice telling you the actual amount of your reduced Temporary Assistance payment. If you receive food stamps, your food stamp benefit may go up when your Temporary Assistance payment goes down.

If you have not lined up a job yet, there is still time. We have job listings in our offices. We also have staff that are constantly developing new job leads for you. This is the best time of year to find work and many employers are already hiring.

As always, we are here to assist you. We can help with child care and other support services that can make a big difference when you are trying to juggle work and family responsibilities.

Please contact your case manager right away if you need help to find or keep a job.

Your family may be exempt from this change if you have a disabled child who requires 24-hour care. Please contact me if you think this applies to your family.

This action is based on Temporary Assistance Manual Section 780-2.