Alaska’s (AK) single statewide health care coalition (HCC) focuses on enhancing engagement of critical health care stakeholders to coordinate planning, communicate consistently, and complete activities to demonstrate measurable progress in healthcare preparedness.

- Integration of AK's tribal healthcare system into their HCC provides penetration into otherwise geographically isolated communities across the state.
- AK's uses HPP funding to strengthen incident management practices, information management, and countermeasures and mitigation, and medical surge.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS: Frozen Contagion Exercise**

- In May 2017, AK's Department of Health and Social Services partnered with the state's HCC and two medical centers to conduct “Frozen Contagion,” a full-scale exercise testing highly infectious disease capabilities.
- Frozen Contagion focused on the identification, treatment, and coordinated movement of patients from a frontier frontline facility to an Assessment Hospital, and finally onto a Regional Ebola Treatment Center for definitive care.
- This exercise prepared the HCC and its partners to better support their geographically isolated frontline facilities, manage limited resources, and evaluate a new intrastate aeromedical patient transport system.

**FY 2018 PRIORITIES**

- **Resource Management:** Build health and medical resource-sharing processes that support the deployment of resources both intra-state and inter-state.
- **Patient Movement:** Complete plans and exercises that promote the rapid stabilization and transport of patients during medical surge events that exceed local capacity.
- **HCC Response:** Build health care system response capability in rural and urban areas through the provision of technical assistance in the areas of planning, training and exercise.