

HIGH RISK HEALTH INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS

ALASKA COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (CHIA) (Individual)

CHIA was established by the Legislature in 1992 to provide health insurance to Alaska residents who are unable to obtain health insurance in the private insurance market due to a health condition. In 1997, the eligibility requirements were modified to allow individuals who meet the federal rules for eligibility as established under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to obtain health insurance coverage through CHIA. In 2003, the eligibility requirements were further expanded to allow individuals who meet the federal rules for eligibility under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002 to obtain health insurance coverage through CHIA. CHIA provides a valuable benefit to Alaskans by providing health insurance to those who would otherwise be without health insurance coverage.

CHIA membership growth has slowed. As of December 31, 2007, there were approximately 488 participants covered under an ACHIA plan.

Detailed information about CHIA including eligibility requirements, premium rates, and application forms are available on the CHIA's website at **www.achia.com**.