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### Internal Medicine Associates in Anchorage Receives SHARP Recognition

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Internal Medicine Associates in Anchorage for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“At Internal Medicine Associates, our physicians and management team are committed to the safety of our employees and patients,” Operations Supervisor Tony Collazo said. “We hold safety standards of the highest level and our physicians coordinate with our OSHA committee to keep staff educated through OSHA training at the time of hiring, as well as throughout their employment.”

Organizations that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers' compensation insurance costs.

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

For more information on how a business can become a SHARP participant or to see a list of current participants, visit SHARP online at <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm>, or call SHARP Program Coordinator Jeff Kolean at 907-269-4953 or email [Jeffrey.Kolean@Alaska.Gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Kolean@Alaska.Gov).

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