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### **Anchorage medical practice honored by state for worker safety achievement**

(Anchorage) – Internal Medicine Associates of Anchorage has earned state recognition for maintaining and renewing outstanding employee safety and health programs.

The medical clinic earned the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) award from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

“Experience shows that companies that partner with the state and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs,” said Labor Commissioner Greg O’Clary.

“Internal Medicine Associates is located at 2841 DeBarr Road and first achieved SHARP status in 2003,” said Sharp Program Coordinator Bill Nickerson. “The clinic has earned the award recognition for the third time.”

The SHARP program is administered by the office of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) in the Division of Labor Standards and Safety.

Participating employers are excused from generally scheduled AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. Enforcement regulations remain in effect in cases of employee complaints or accident investigations.

SHARP program information and a list of participants is provided online at <http://www.labor.state.ak.us/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm>, by calling Bill Nickerson at 907.269.4948 or by email, [bill\\_nickerson@labor.state.ak.us](mailto:bill_nickerson@labor.state.ak.us).

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