

Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (RHPAB)
Public Comment from October 2020

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To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: Modernization Committee

Please distribute the following email to the members of the Modernization Committee.

The information for this committee was given to us by Clara Roomsburg, at DRB Member Services. My name is Jan Kornstad. My husband, Vern, is a retired teacher from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. We are interested in seeing Rolwing therapy included in the retiree's benefit package so we are happy to see that it is being considered by the Modernization Committee. Many of us here on the Kenai Peninsula are enthusiastic patients of various rolfers. It was extremely disappointing to learn, upon Vern's retirement, that even though this type of treatment is fully covered in the active teacher employee package, coverage for rolwing has been eliminated from the retiree's package.

We have read through the committee meeting minutes of January 15, 2020. Can you tell us where the inclusion of rolwing stands at this point? We want to let you know that our goal is to see rolwing included in the retiree's benefit package. If there is anything we can do to further that goal we would surely appreciate you letting us know. Please feel free to call or email any time.

In the interest of full disclosure, we want to let you know that we are currently in the appeals process with Aetna over the denial of a recent rolwing treatment claim. We have reached Level II and will probably extend that to Level III, assuming that our Level II appeal will be denied also.

Thank you for listening,

Vern & Jan Kornstad
