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Recommendations for Transition to eCHAM

As communicated in a November 20, 2014 letter to Tribal Health Directors (click to view), the 2006 Alaska Community Health Aide/Practitioner Manual (CHAM) will not be supported effective 1/1/2015. At this time, the electronic Alaska Community Health Aide/Manual (eCHAM) should be used by every Community Health Aide/Practitioner (CHA/P) and referral provider. The following is a set of recommendations to consider as we transition to the eCHAM.

1. All CHA/Ps, referral providers, and other staff who interact clinically with CHA/Ps need to have access to the eCHAM.
   a. Email us at echam@anthc.org to set up an account/sign up for training.
   b. To view our training calendar go to: www.echam.org/echamusers
2. If your IT department would like to add a hyperlink and icon to desktops in your facilities, they may contact us at echam@anthc.org for an image and hyperlink.
3. The eCHAM content was updated with the latest revisions on 12/29/14. To see a brief report, PowerPoint presentation and/or detailed list of revisions made in June and December go to:
   http://www.echam.org/eCHAMUsers.aspx#TrainingMaterials.
4. Options for access to this content are:
   a. Website (Internet https://access.echam.org)
   b. iCHAM (iPad app: Internet only right now; new version of the app will allow offline use).
   c. eBook (Recommend download content to computer, iPad, or other eReader for access to content if no Internet available)
      i. For instructions on accessing each of these versions, please visit: http://www.echam.org/eCHAMUsers.aspx#TrainingMaterials and click on the 1st handout: *How to Access the eCHAM and iCHAM*
5. We are preparing the PDF for printing and it will be available soon. The eCHAM with all four books as well as the eCHAM Emergency Field Handbook by itself will be available for purchase in print form.
6. The iCHAM app has been updated to work offline. This new version will be available as soon as the approval process at the Apple App Store is complete. Another version of the iCHAM will be available late winter/early spring 2015 to resolve issues experienced with the personalization features of the iCHAM.
7. Each THO should establish guidelines for training and content updates.

8. Each THO should have plans/budgets for the replacement of equipment needed for access to the eCHAM/iCHAM.
    a. Discounts on Apple products are now available to eCHAM users and all organizations utilizing the eCHAM. For details about these discounts and assistance in purchasing products with eCHAM related discounts, please contact our Apple Business Team at: anchorage5thavenuemallbusiness@apple.com.
9. Standing Orders and exams have been updated with minor content changes based on eCHAM revisions. It is recommended that all CHA/Ps with Standing Orders retake their Standing Orders exams to demonstrate that they can navigate the eCHAM. New Standing Orders Exams can be found under the Committee Login page: http://www.akchap.org/html/home-page/committee-login.html.