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Theodore Barton Medical Office Receives Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Award

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved the Medical Office of Theodore Barton for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“The SHARP program has been tremendously helpful for us. They have kept us updated on changes with OSHA and kept us in compliance,” Medical Assistant Heike Dykstra said. “The AKOSH staff are available and informative about many issues, including mandatory postings, safety issues, and compliance with OSHA training. We are very glad that we belong to the SHARP Program.”

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the department’s Labor 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.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs. For more information on SHARP or to see a list of current participants, go online Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm, or contact SHARP Program Coordinator John King at (907) 269-4958 or John.King@Alaska.Gov.

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