

NOTE TO READER ON CHAPTER FORMAT

Each of the following 19 chapters briefly describes the background information about the chapter topic and summarizes the progress towards reaching the Healthy Alaskans 2000 goals. The narrative of each chapter is broad in scope. One piece of pertinent data for the topic area is presented in graphic form on the first page. The yearly Alaska data, the Healthy Alaskans 2000 goal and comparative US data are presented in the graphs. For the US data, the most recently available year of data is included. All the indicators are presented in table format in Appendix D.

The chapters include background information, a data summary that comments on each health status indicator in the order in which they are found in the table in Appendix D, at least one of the indicators by race/ethnicity, and at least one of the indicators by region of the state. The chapters also include a discussion of the important data issues for that topic.

References for the data used in the report are listed in abbreviated form in the tables in Appendix D, and cited in more detail in Appendix C. If additional data are cited in the text of the report, the reference is listed in the chapter.

