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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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Section 1. AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) When the department authorizes the purchase of durable medical equipment under this section, the department may require a recipient of medical assistance services to purchase used or refurbished durable medical equipment if used or refurbished durable medical equipment

1. is available;
2. is less expensive, including shipping, than new durable medical equipment of the same type;
3. is able to withstand at least three years of use; and
4. equally meets the needs of the recipient.

Section 2. AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
(20) "durable medical equipment" means equipment that
   (A) can withstand repeated use;
   (B) is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical
       purpose;
   (C) generally is not useful to an individual in the absence of an
       illness or injury; and
   (D) is appropriate for use in the home, school, or community.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).