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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:

(h) For purposes of medical assistance coverage, the department may require behavioral health clinic services to be provided by or under the direct supervision of a physician licensed under AS 08.64. In this subsection, "direct supervision" means that a physician licensed under AS 08.64 is available, either in person or by a communication device, to

(1) provide clinical consultation or oversight to the supervisee;
(2) approve behavioral health treatment plans;
(3) review each case to determine the need for continued care;
(4) ensure that the services provided to recipients of behavioral health clinic services are medically necessary and clinically appropriate; and
(5) assume professional responsibility for the services provided.