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Sectional Analysis

House Bill 134

"An Act requiring Medicaid payment for scheduled unit dose prescription drug packaging and dispensing services for specified recipients."

Section 1. Amends AS 47.07 "Medical Assistance for Needy Persons" by adding a new subsection entitled "Scheduled unit dose prescription drug dispensing services."

Subsection A. Establishes that the Department of Health and Social Services shall reimburse a pharmacy for mediset dispensing services. This section also requires that to be eligible for the program a person must:

- Require the level of care provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or immediate care facility for the intellectually disabled and also meet certain income requirements.
- Receive home and community based services under a waiver from the Department of Health and Social Services.
- Residing in licensed long term care facility, assisted living home, residential treatment center, or other group home.

Subsection B. Specifies that the dispensing fee for mediset must include eligible dispensing services and reasonable transportation costs. This section lists out the dispensing services associated with mediset pharmacies that go above and beyond the typical pharmacy dispensing.

Subsection C. Allows a pharmacy to consolidate all of a person's medications into a mediset as long as at least one of the medications has been designated as requiring a mediset.

Subsection D. Defines the terms "mediset" and "unit dose."