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Subject: responses to 3/30 H Fin hearings on SB 74

Heather, Jane, and Helen: In the Wednesday (3/30/16) House Finance Committee hearing on Senate Bill 74 we recorded the following questions for the Department of Health and Social Services, and we provide the following responses.

1. What telemedicine services can and can't be reimbursed by the Department Medicaid? (Rep. Neuman)

Alaska regulations [7 AAC 110.620](#) – [7 AAC 110.639](#) describe the scope and limitations of Medicaid services that can be provided through telemedicine. The services specifically excluded from telemedicine are listed in [7 AAC 110.635](#) and are:

- Home and community based waiver services
- Pharmacy services
- Durable medical equipment services
- Transportation services
- Accommodation services
- End stage renal disease services
- Direct entry midwife services
- Private duty nursing services
- Personal care assistant services
- Visual care, dispensing, or optician services

2. How much does Medicaid spend on prescription narcotics? How much does Medicaid spend on all prescription drugs?

Alaska Medicaid reimbursed pharmacies for prescriptions during the month of December 2015 and the most recent month, February 2016, as shown below. Two months are provided for comparison purposes.

	Dec 2015	Feb 2016
Number of Narcotic Analgesic Paid Claims	6,465	7,070
Number of All Paid Prescription Drug Claims	82,158	87,483
Reimbursement for Narcotic Analgesic Claims	\$288,728.36	\$300,761.28
Reimbursement for All Paid Prescription Drug Claims	\$7,766,496.30	\$8,377,789.04

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