

Dear Senator Stedman:

**Subject: HB134- concerns from the Alaska Pharmacy Association (AKPhA)**

During hearings on HB 134 in House HES it was confirmed that provisions of the bill would apply to any alaska medicaid pharmacy provider that could meet the criteria for filling medisets. Currently, per regulation, only pharmacies whose primary business( i.e. 75% or more is mediset business) are paid additional mediset fees for the additional costs associated with this service.

Other pharmacies, outside the Anchorage bowl, are also providing these services for Medicaid patients but are not currently eligible for additional compensation from Medicaid for the additional time involved with filling medisets.

During the last meeting in house finance, AKPHA was surprised and concerned to hear the commissioner of HSS indicate that only current "mediset pharmacies" would reimbursed under HB134.

At that hearing the commissioner was unable to explain why the current set of regulations limiting the billing of mediset fees to Pharmacies under the 75% Rule was established. AKPhA respectfully asks for clarification of this issue during the deliberation of this legislation in the Senate

HES committee. If necessary we would ask for legislative intent language be added to clarify that the bill should apply to all pharmacies that qualify under the language in the Act.

Regards,

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