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Sectional Analysis
Proposed CS for House Bill 134

"An Act requiring Medicaid payment for medication compliance packaging, transporting, and dispensing services of a prescription for specified recipients; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1. Amends AS 47.07 "Medical Assistance for Needy Persons" by establishing new section AS47.07.031 entitled "Scheduled unit dose prescription drug dispensing services and transportation services." The new section contains the following subsections:

AS 47.07.031(a). Establishes that the Department of Health and Social Services shall reimburse a pharmacy for dispensing services and non-local transportation costs for prescriptions requiring medication compliance packaging. This subsection also gives the Department of Health and Human Services the power to adopt regulations specifying which persons qualify for reimbursement under this program.

AS 47.07.031(b). Specifies that the dispensing fee established under subsection (a) must include eligible dispensing services including local transportation costs. This subsection lists out the dispensing services associated with pharmacies eligible for the reimbursement under subsection (a). This section also specifies that the fee established under subsection (a) should not include any service already paid for in another pharmacy dispensing reimbursement.

AS 47.07.031(c). Specifies that when local delivery is not an option the department shall pay for transportation costs of the most economical transport and packaging method available.

AS 47.07.031(d). Allows a pharmacy to consolidate all of a person's medications into medication compliance packaging as long as at least one of their medications has been designated as requiring medication compliance packaging services. However, medications not specified by a provider are not eligible for reimbursement under subsection (a).

AS 47.07.031(e). Specifies that a pharmacy is qualified to receive payment under this subsection only if they are able to provide all the services specified in the reimbursement fee criteria.

AS 47.07.031(f). Defines “medication compliance packaging” and “unit dose.”

Section 2. Amends uncoded law to specify that any change to Medicaid is subject to final federal approval.

Section 3. Provides for an effective date that is contingent upon the necessary federal approval under Section 2 of this bill.