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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 134( )**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 47.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 47.07.031. Scheduled unit dose prescription drug dispensing and**  
7 **transportation services.** (a) In addition to the services provided for under AS  
8 47.07.030, the department shall pay a fee established under this section to a qualified  
9 pharmacy for dispensing and transportation services for a prescription that requires  
10 scheduled unit doses in medication compliance packaging for the purpose of assisting  
11 a medical assistance recipient who is eligible under regulations adopted by the  
12 department to adhere to a difficult dosing regimen.

13 (b) The department shall establish a fee for dispensing services of a  
14 prescription that requires medication compliance packaging under (a) of this section.

The fee shall reimburse a qualified pharmacy for the following dispensing services if the services are not otherwise reimbursed under this chapter:

(1) consolidating prescriptions for purposes of reporting to the prescriber on prescription compliance;

(2) creation of medication compliance packaging by trained personnel for the interval specified on the prescription;

(3) offering quarterly review with a recipient or the recipient's representative of a recipient's complete medication profile and medication administration record, including review of compliance;

(4) reporting to the prescriber patient compliance, polypharmacy, or other issues related to the recipient's medication at least quarterly; and

(5) local delivery costs using the most cost-effective method.

(c) In addition to a dispensing fee paid under (b) of this section, if local delivery is not available, the department shall pay the actual cost of the most cost-effective method of transporting by mail the medication based on the location of the recipient and the special handling, if any, required for the medication.

(d) A pharmacy is qualified to dispense a prescription in medication compliance packaging for payment under this section if the pharmacy is a provider of services under the medical assistance program established under this chapter and is capable of providing the dispensing services described in (b)(1) - (5) and (c) of this section.

(e) In this section,

(1) "medication compliance packaging" means a package containing a specified quantity of one or more prescription medications that have been divided by a provider into unit doses to be taken over a specified period according to a prescription issued by an authorized health care provider and that requires specialized dispensing services;

(2) "unit dose" means a single dose of a prescription medication packaged for one-time use that does not include a refill.

\* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

1           APPROVAL; CONTINGENT EFFECT; NOTICE. (a) The commissioner of health  
2 and social services shall request the approval of the United States Department of Health and  
3 Human Services for implementation of AS 47.07.031, added by sec. 1 of this Act.

4           (b) AS 47.07.031, added by sec. 1 of this Act, takes effect only if, and only to the  
5 extent that, implementation of AS 47.07.031 is approved by the United States Department of  
6 Health and Human Services.

7           (c) The commissioner of health and social services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
8 when the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves implementation  
9 of AS 47.07.031.

10       \* **Sec. 3.** If AS 47.07.031, added by sec. 1 of this Act, takes effect, it takes effect on the date  
11 that the revisor of statutes receives notice from the commissioner of health and social services  
12 that the United States Department of Health and Human Services has approved  
13 implementation of that section.