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### Alaska State Legislature

#### Explanation of Changes: Proposed CS for House Bill 134 (W.O. 28-LS0303\Y)

*"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 AS 47.01.031(b)(1)-(5).**
  - The criteria that the Department of Health and Social Services must consider when determining the fee established under AS 47.07.031(a) has been further refined to eliminate duplicative and ambiguous language.
  - Language regarding the review of returned medication packaging has been deleted.
  - Language regarding 24 hours a day seven days a week on call pharmacists has been deleted.
  - The provision regarding quarterly review has been amended to allow the review to take place over the phone and to ensure a pharmacist is not operating in excess of their scope of practice.
  - The provision regarding local delivery has been amended to clarify that it must be using the most cost-effective method.
- **Section 1 AS 47.01.031(c).** This section has been amended by adding language to clarify that non-local transportation of medication compliance packaging is by mail.
- **Section 1 AS 47.01.031(d).** The entire section regarding consolidation of prescriptions into a single medication compliance packaging has been deleted. The effect of this deletion is that the prescriber must indicate on each of a patient's prescriptions that it is to be included in the medication compliance packaging.