CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOLMES, Kerttula

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act prohibiting a health care insurer from denying coverage for an additional limited quantity of prescription topical eye medication under certain circumstances."

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

* Section 1. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 21.42.425. Coverage for prescription topical eye medication. (a) A health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, delivers, or renews a health care insurance plan in the group or individual market in the state that provides coverage for prescription topical eye medication to treat a chronic condition shall allow the early refill of a prescription for a topical eye medication before the last day of the prescribed dosage period, without regard to a coverage restriction.

- (b) A covered person may request an early refill under this section
- (1) not earlier than 23 days after a prescription for a 30-day supply is dispensed;
 - (2) not earlier than 45 days after a prescription for a 60-day supply is

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dispensed; and

- (3) not earlier than 68 days after a prescription for a 90 day supply is dispensed.
- (c) A covered person may receive an early refill under this section not more than once during a 30-day period.
- (d) A covered person may only receive an early refill under this section if the refill does not exceed the number of refills prescribed.
- * Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. AS 21.42.425, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to a health care insurance plan offered, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014.