

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

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/5/13

Offered: 4/2/13

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOLMES, Kerttula, Thompson, Gara

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

11 (b) A covered person may request an early refill under this section

12 (1) not earlier than 23 days after a prescription for a 30-day supply is
13 dispensed;

14 (2) not earlier than 45 days after a prescription for a 60-day supply is

1 dispensed;

2 (3) not earlier than 68 days after a prescription for a 90 day supply is
3 dispensed;

4 (4) if the prescriber has indicated the number of refills needed; and

5 (5) the prescription topical eye medication being refilled is covered
6 under the covered person's policy.

7 (c) A covered person may receive an early refill under this section not more
8 than once during the approved dosage period.

9 (d) A covered person may only receive an early refill under this section if the
10 refill does not exceed the number of refills prescribed.

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

13 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 21.42.425, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to a health
14 care insurance plan offered, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1,
15 2014.