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Summary of Changes: Version H to Version N **HB 227 - Medical Assistance Reform**

Title:

On line 6 the title has been expanded to include 'federal reimbursement for Alaska Native health services,' to reflect the new section 18.

Section 1

Subsection (2)(c) has been added to the legislative intent language. Subsection (2)(c) directs the Department of Health and Social Services to collaborate with clinics and centers that have historically provided behavioral health services.

Section 4

Language was placed back into this section to return the number of annual audits required under this subsection to the current statutory level of 0.75% of all enrolled providers, with a minimum of 75 audits a years.

Section 5

New subsections (1) and (2) have been added to AS 47.05.200(b) to state that the department may not assess interest on overpayments under this section if a provider self identifies and reports an overpayment independent of an audit and repays it within five months of reporting.

New Section 6

A new section 6 has been added to the bill. Section 6 adds subsection (f) to AS 47.05.200 allowing the department to collaborate with medical assistance providers to create educational material regarding common provider errors and overpayment types.

Previous Section 11 – deleted

Section 11 of HB 227 version H has been removed from the bill. The language originally being removed from AS 47.07.036(b) under this section is no longer in conflict with new sections and will remain in statute.

Section 12

Subsection (d)(1) has been amended to change the target population for the 1115 waiver application under this section from tribal health beneficiaries to recipients of behavioral health services.

Language has been added to subsections (d)(2) and (3) to state that the department shall design the applications for the 1915(1) and 1915(k) options to result in cost savings to the state. The term 'design' has been deleted from subsection (f) to clarify that the department will not be required to design the demonstration project implemented under this section. Language has been added to subsection (g) to state that telemedicine can be performed between a provider and a recipient who are physically separated.

Section 15

This section has been amended to change the pre-term birth reduction project from a demonstration project conducted by the department into a care coordination pilot project contracted with a third party. The implementation date has been changed from January of 2017 to July. A report on the success of the pilot project is required after two years.

Section 17

The date of the report required by subsection (c) has been changed from February 1, 2019 and will now include two separate reports. The first report is due November 1, 2018, and the second is due November 1, 2019.

New section 18

A new section has been added to the uncodified law directing the department to collaborate with Alaska tribal health organizations and the federal government to fully implement changes to federal policy regarding 100% reimbursement for American Indian and Alaska Native recipients. Collaboration may include incentives for providers to participate.

Section 22

The effective date under subsection (d) has been updated from January 1, 2017 to July 1, 2017 to reflect the date change in section 15 of this bill.

Other sections have been renumbered to reflect these changes.