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## MEMORANDUM

March 21, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Sectional summary  
(CSSB 156( ); Work Order No. 29-LS1144\N)

**TO:** Senator Berta Gardner  
Attn: Katie Bruggeman

**FROM:** Megan A. Wallace  
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

**Section 1.** Amends AS 21.47 by adding a new section, AS 21.47.427. AS 21.47.427(a) requires a health care insurer, in the group or individual market, to provide coverage for prescription contraceptives, voluntary sterilization procedures, and specified related services, and to provide reimbursement for dispensing prescription contraceptives for a three-month period for the first dispensing and a 12-month period for subsequent dispensing. AS 21.47.427(b) - (g) contain other related compliance and coverage provisions.

**Section 2.** Amends AS 47.07.065 by adding new subsections (b) - (d), which require the Department of Health and Social Services to pay for prescription contraceptives intended to last for a three-month period for the first dispensing and a 12-month period for subsequent dispensing for eligible recipients of medical assistance, if prescribed to and requested by the recipient, as well as pay for specified related services.

**Section 3.** Requires the Department of Health and Social Services to amend and submit for federal approval a state plan for medical assistance coverage consistent with sec. 2 of this Act.

**Section 4.** Provides that sec. 2 of this Act takes effect only if the provisions of sec. 2 of this Act receive federal approval.

**Section 5.** Provides for an effective date for sec. 2 of this Act.

**Section. 6.** Except for sec. 5 of this Act, provides for a January 1, 2017 effective date.

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