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## **Explanation of Changes, CS SB 156 Version N**

Version N includes one major change: the removal of the provision that mandates coverage of over the counter contraceptives.

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 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.