CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 315(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES VAZQUEZ, Reinbold

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to an electronic visit verification system pilot project for providers of personal care services or home and community-based services under the state medical assistance program."

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

* Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to

- (1) protect vulnerable Alaskans and the integrity of the medical assistance program by reducing the number of fraudulent claims and ensuring that services are provided to medical assistance recipients; and
- (2) use technology to improve accountability for personal care services and home and community-based services delivered to medical assistance recipients.
- * Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION SYSTEM PILOT PROJECT FOR
SPECIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES. (a) An electronic visit verification
system pilot project is established for the purpose of improving accountability for care
provided through the state medical assistance program described under AS 47.07. The
Department of Health and Social Services shall adopt guidelines for the use of electronic visit
verification systems under the pilot project to verify visits conducted to provide personal care
services in the home of a medical assistance recipient or other approved setting or visits
conducted to provide home and community-based services. In the guidelines adopted under
this section, the Department of Health and Social Services shall

- (1) establish eligibility guidelines for providers to participate in the pilot project;
- (2) require an electronic visit verification system to document, at a minimum,
 - (A) name of the provider and the employee or contractor providing the service on behalf of the medical assistance provider;
 - (B) recipient's name;
 - (C) date and time the employee or contractor begins and ends the delivery of services; and
 - (D) location of the delivery of services.
- (b) The Department of Health and Social Services may consider a third-party vendor system for the pilot project under this section.
- (c) The Department of Health and Social Services shall review the electronic visit verification system or systems implemented under this section and prepare a report making recommendations for the potential statewide application of electronic visit verification systems. On or before July 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Social Services shall deliver the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available.