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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS House Bill 161 Purchase of Used Durable Medical Equipment Version W

Section 1:

Amends AS 47.07.030 by adding subsection (g).

When the department authorizes the purchase of durable medical equipment, the department shall require a recipient of medical assistance services to purchase used or refurbished durable medical equipment if used or refurbished durable medical equipment is available, is less expensive than new durable medical equipment of the same type, is able to withstand at least three years of use and meets the needs of the recipient.

Section 2:

Amends AS 47.07.900 by adding subsection (20).

Defines Durable Medical Equipment as equipment that can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, generally in not useful to an individual in the absence of an illness or injury and is appropriate for use in the home, school or community.

Section 3:

Provides for an immediate effective date.



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