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Explanations of Changes

“An Act relating to a medical assistance reform program; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; establishing medical assistance demonstration projects; relating to civil penalties for medical assistance fraud; relating to studies by the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to cost-containment measure for medical assistance; and providing for an effective date.”

Version H to Version S (SHSS)

- Removed sections regarding health savings accounts (HSAs) for Medicaid beneficiaries and contributions to HSAs from the Permanent Fund Dividend.
- New Section 1 regarding false Medicaid claims and establishing civil penalties for fraud.
- Section 2
 - Added behavioral health for the expanded use of telemedicine (Page 3, line 14)
 - Changed the report due date to October 15 in subsection (c) (Page 4, line 7)
 - Expanded the report scope under subsection (c) regarding Medicaid reforms, savings, and costs (Page 4, line 11 through Page 5, line 9)
 - Added in a definition of “telemedicine” (Page 5, lines 10-14)
- New Section 4 requiring an annual report to the legislature regarding DHSS efforts to reduce Medicaid fraud.
- Section 5
 - Allows the demonstration project to be focused on Medicaid managed care or case management
 - Changes the one or more demonstration projects from individuals enrolled in the Denali KidCare program to the entire Medicaid program.
 - Changed the start date to January 31, 2016
 - Requires the department to enter into contracts with one or more third-party for the demonstration projects.