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Sectional Analysis – CS for Senate Bill 193 (HSS) Version J

“An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to apply for a waiver to establish work requirements for certain adults who are eligible for the state medical assistance program.”

Section 1:

Amends AS 47.07.036 to direct the DHSS to apply for a section 1115 waiver of the Social Security Act to establish a work requirement for adults in the Medicaid program who not meet the criteria to be exempted.

The waiver must include the following:

- (1) Requires an able-bodied Medicaid recipient to participate in work activities for a minimum of 20 hours each week. Actively seeking employment, participating in an education or training program, volunteering, engaging in subsistence activities, or caregiving also are counted towards the 20-hour requirement.
- (2) If a Medicaid recipient is also receiving benefits under Alaska Temporary Assistance Program and in compliance with the work requirements listed under AS 47.27.035, then they automatically meet the work requirement for Medicaid.
- (3) Exempt Medicaid recipients who are:
 - a. Children or elderly (Under 18 years old and over 65 years old)
 - b. The parent or caretaker of a dependent child of up to 12 months of age and the parent or caretaker is providing home care for the child
 - c. The parent or caretaker of a child experiencing a disability and the parent or caretaker is providing home care for the children
 - d. The caretaker of a relative who is experiencing a disability and requires 24-hour care
 - e. The parent or caretaker of a child under six years of age and the parent or caretaker demonstrated that appropriate child care is not available
 - f. Unable to work for medical reasons, as determined by a licensed medical professional
 - g. Pregnant
 - h. Currently receiving unemployment insurance benefits
 - i. Participating in a tribal work program
- (4) Temporary exemptions for:
 - a. Experiencing a family hardship outside of the control of the parent or caretaker
 - b. A victim of domestic violence
- (5) Ensure that the work requirement does not impact a Medicaid recipient from obtaining substance abuse treatment
- (6) A notification to all Medicaid recipients once the waiver is approved, and a 90 day notice of non-compliance with the work requirement before benefits are terminated.