

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## **SB 7 Sectional Summary V. M**

*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; and providing for an effective date.*

**Section 1:** Names SB 7 the “Medicaid Work Opportunities Act.” (Page 1, lines 5-7)

**Section 2:** Establishes the work requirements for adults who are eligible for medical assistance under AS 47.07.020.

- Amends AS 47.07.036 to add a new subsection (h) requiring the department to apply for a section 1115 waiver to establish a work requirement for adults who are eligible for Medicaid assistance. (Page 1, lines 8-12)
- Subsection (h)(1) requires a recipient to submit proof that they are participating in work activities 80 hours each month. Those activities include employment or proof of actively seeking employment, attending an educational, postsecondary, vocational, or training program intended to lead to employment, volunteering, engaging in subsistence programs, or caregiving. (Page 1, line 1 – Page 2, line 5)
- Subsection (h)(2) allows a recipient to meet the requirements above if they participate in the Alaska temporary assistance program (ATAP) and is in compliance with the work requirement in AS 47.27.035. (Page 2, lines 6-9)
- Subsection (h)(3) provides for exemptions from the work requirement in subsection (h). These include those under 19 years of age and 60 years or older, those who are parents or caretakers of a dependent child under six years of age, a parent or caretaker of a child with a disability, the caretaker of a relative with a disability that requires 24-hour care, the parent or caretaker of a child under six and there is no appropriate child care available, persons who are unable to work for medical reasons, expectant mothers, individuals currently receiving UI benefits, and those participating in a tribal work program. (Page 2, lines 10-25)
- Subsection (h)(4) provides for additional temporary exemptions from the work requirement in subsection (h). (Page 2, lines 26-31).

- Subsection (h)(5) ensures the work requirement will not prevent a recipient from obtaining substance abuse treatment. (Page 3, lines 1-3)
- Subsection (h)(6) provides for notification of the work requirement to all recipients as soon as practicable and requires termination of medical coverage for recipients who become ineligible as a result of noncompliance after 90 days. It also requires the Department of Health and Social Services to include a list of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development employment-related training programs operated by the department, along with contact information. (Page 3, lines 4-11)
- Subsection (h)(7) provides for a “transition” period of Medicaid coverage for up to 12 months for individuals that become ineligible due to income limitations. (Page 3, lines 12-15)

**Section 3:** Provides an immediate effective date. (Page 3, line 16)