

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 298(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/23/00

Referred: Finance

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring that certain health care insurers provide coverage for treatment
2 of diabetes."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 21.42.390. Coverage for treatment of diabetes.** (a) A health care
6 insurer that offers in this state a health care insurance plan that includes coverage for
7 pharmacy services shall initially and at each renewal provide coverage for the cost of
8 treating diabetes, including medication, equipment, and supplies. All health care
9 insurance plans must include coverage for outpatient self-management training or
10 education, and medical nutrition therapy, if diabetes treatment is prescribed by a health
11 care provider. The coverage required by this section is subject to standard policy
12 provisions applicable to other benefits, including deductible or copayment provisions.
13 Coverage for the cost of diabetes outpatient self-management training or education and
14 for the cost of medical nutrition therapy is only required if provided by a health care

1 provider with training in the treatment of diabetes.

2 (b) Coverage for the cost of diabetes outpatient self-management training or
3 education under (a) of this section is limited to \$1,500 for a covered person in a year.

4 (c) In this section,

5 (1) "diabetes" includes insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using
6 diabetes, gestational diabetes, and non-insulin-using diabetes;

7 (2) "health care provider" means a person licensed to provide health
8 care services as required by the state.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 21.42.390(b) is repealed January 1, 2003.