

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/8/01

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who**
2 **require treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 ADDITIONAL PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. (a) In
7 addition to the other persons listed under AS 47.07.020(b), persons who have been diagnosed
8 with breast or cervical cancer and who are eligible for coverage under 42 U.S.C.
9 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII) are eligible under AS 47.07.020(b) for medical assistance
10 whenever they are eligible for coverage under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII) if they
11 apply for the assistance before the date that is two years after the effective date of this Act,
12 subject to other provisions of AS 47.07.020.

13 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that not more than \$175,800 of general fund
14 money be spent on services under (a) of this section for fiscal year 2002 and that not more

1 than \$189,500 of general fund money be spent on services under (a) of this section for fiscal
2 year 2003.

3 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The Department of Health and Social Services
6 shall report to the legislature by the 30th day of the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-
7 Second Alaska State Legislature and by the 30th day of the First Regular Session of the
8 Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature on the following matters:

9 (1) the environmental, behavioral, or genetic factors that have been associated
10 with the onset of breast or cervical cancer in peer-reviewed clinical studies published in
11 periodical medical literature that have postulated an association between one or more of these
12 factors and an increase in the incidence of breast or cervical cancer;

13 (2) summary information from the Alaska Cancer Registry and other Alaska-
14 specific sources available to the department regarding risk factors for breast and cervical
15 cancer;

16 (3) recommendations, if any, about behavioral actions that may reduce the
17 occurrence or likelihood of these types of breast or cervical cancers; and

18 (4) to the extent that the information is available to the department in the
19 billings submitted for assistance under sec. 1 of this Act, the cost per person paid for by the
20 state under sec. 1 of this Act during the fiscal year preceding the date of the report and the
21 total medical costs per person for the fiscal year preceding the date of the report, whether paid
22 for by the state or not; the information provided in the department's report under this
23 paragraph shall be provided separately for each person who received assistance under sec. 1
24 of this Act, but the information shall be presented in a manner that does not allow
25 identification of the person.

26 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
27 read:

28 EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED. In order to ensure that persons
29 described in sec. 1(a) of this Act receive essential, life-saving medical care, the Department of
30 Health and Social Services may adopt emergency regulations under AS 44.62.250 to
31 implement sec. 1(a) of this Act.

1 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).