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Sectional Analysis

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"An Act relating to insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1: AS 21.41 is amended by adding a new section to read "Coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders". This new section ensures that in the state of Alaska, a health care insurance plan would require providing coverage for prophylaxis, diagnosis, and treatment of the pediatric disorders of PANS (Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome) and PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections).

Subsection (a) Ensures children who are diagnosed with these severe neuropsychiatric illnesses can get the medical care they require as prescribed by their treating provider with their insurance company now providing coverage, for said treatments.

Subsection (b) Requires that insurance companies provide coverage for treatments prescribed in a timely manner, ensuring that no unnecessary delays take place.

Subsection (c) Makes it easier for PANS and PANDAS children diagnosed with to obtain treatment, making sure they aren't underserved.

Subsection (d) Ensures that insurance companies are to not undermine coverage by using higher costs for families affected by PANS or PANDAS are not financially punished due to said diagnosis.

Subsection (e) Defines uniform terminology for PANS and PANDAS to ensure that treating providers, insurers, and families all have shared language for understanding insurance coverage for needed treatments.

Section 2: Sets a January 1, 2027, effective date.