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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

SB 276: Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives

Section 1 AS 21.42.427 Adds a new section that (1) requires a health care insurer to provide coverage for prescription contraceptives and medical services necessary for those products or devices; (2) requires reimbursement to a health care provider or dispensing entity for dispensing prescription contraceptives intended to last for a 12-month period for subsequent dispensing; (3) prevents an insurer from offsetting the costs of compliance; (4) prevents an insurer from restricting or delaying coverage for contraceptives; (5) if the provider recommends a particular service or FDA-approved item based on a determination of medical necessity, the plan or issuer must cover that service or item without cost sharing; and (6) exempts religious employers if certain criteria are met.

Section 2 AS 29.10.200 Amends AS 29.10.200 by adding a provision applying to home rule municipalities.

Section 3 AS 29.20.420 Amends AS 29.20 by adding a new section clarifying that municipal health care insurance plans that are self-insured are subject to the requirements of sec. 1.

Section 4 AS 39.30.090(a) Clarifies that a group health insurance policy covering employees of a participating governmental unit is subject to the requirements of sec. 1.

Section 5 AS 39.30.091 Clarifies that a self-insured group medical plan covering active state employees provided under this section is subject to the requirements of sec. 1. 33-LS0241\A | 2

Section 6 AS 47.07.065 Requires the Department of Health and Social Services to pay for prescription contraceptives intended to last for a 12-month period for subsequent dispensing for eligible recipients of medical assistance, if prescribed to and requested by the recipient, as well as medical services necessary for those products or devices.

Section 7 Uncodified Law Requires the Department of Health to immediately amend and submit for federal approval a state plan for medical assistance coverage consistent with sec. 6 of this Act.

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Section 8 Uncodified Law Makes sec. 6 of the Act conditional on the approval required under sec. 7 of the Act.

Section 9 Uncodified Law If, under sec. 8 of this Act, sec. 6 of this Act takes effect, it takes effect on the day after the date the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves the state plan amendment or determines an amendment is not necessary