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Senate Bill 27 “Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives and Related Services”

Sectional Analysis

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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 (including over-the-counter emergency contraception that was obtained without a prescription); (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 39.39.090(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 employee provided under this section is subject to the requirements of sec. 1.

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. The Department of Health and Social Services must also provide coverage for over-the-counter emergency contraception that was obtained without a prescription.

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.

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.