

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 3/24/25

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to continuous eligibility for medical assistance for children under six
2 years of age; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.07.020(i) is amended to read:

5 (i) The department shall allow a person under six years of age who is
6 determined to be eligible for benefits under this chapter to remain eligible for
7 those benefits until the person is six years old. The department may allow a person
8 who is at least six years of age but not over [UNDER] 19 years of age and who is
9 determined to be eligible for benefits under this chapter to remain eligible for those
10 benefits for up to 11 calendar months following the month that the person is
11 determined eligible for benefits or until the person is 19 years old, whichever occurs
12 earlier.

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

1 MEDICAID STATE PLAN FEDERAL APPROVAL. To the extent necessary to
2 implement this Act, the Department of Health shall amend and submit for federal approval the
3 state plan for medical assistance coverage consistent with AS 47.07.020(i), as amended by
4 sec. 1 of this Act.

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

7 **CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION.** (a) Section 1 of this Act takes effect
8 only if the United States Department of Health and Human Services

9 (1) approves the amendments to the state plan for medical assistance coverage
10 submitted in accordance with sec. 2 of this Act; or

11 (2) determines that approval of the amendments to the state plan for medical
12 assistance coverage submitted in accordance with sec. 2 of this Act is not necessary.

13 (b) The commissioner of health shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing within 30
14 days after the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves the
15 amendments to the state plan or determines that approval is not necessary under this section.

16 * **Sec. 4.** If sec. 1 of this Act takes effect, it takes effect on the day after the date the United
17 States Department of Health and Human Services approves the amendments to the state plan
18 or determines that approval is not necessary.