



State of Alaska

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HB 73: COMPLEX CARE RESIDENTIAL HOMES

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HB 73 Supports Alaska's System of Care



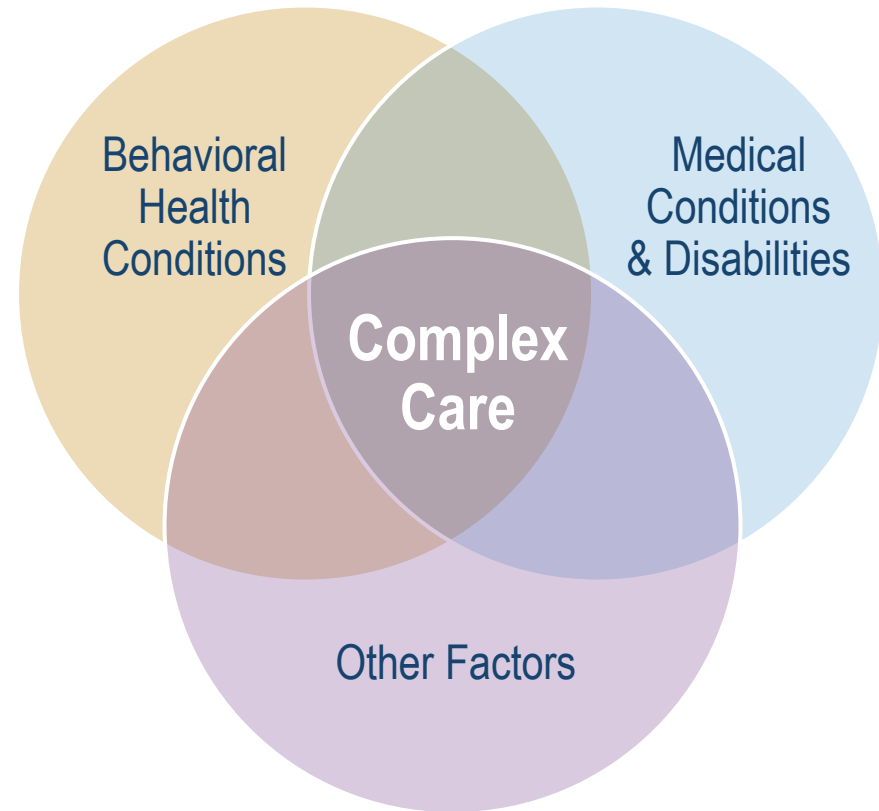
HB 73 strengthens
Alaska's health care
system, enabling Alaskans
to access services in
settings tailored to their
specific care needs.



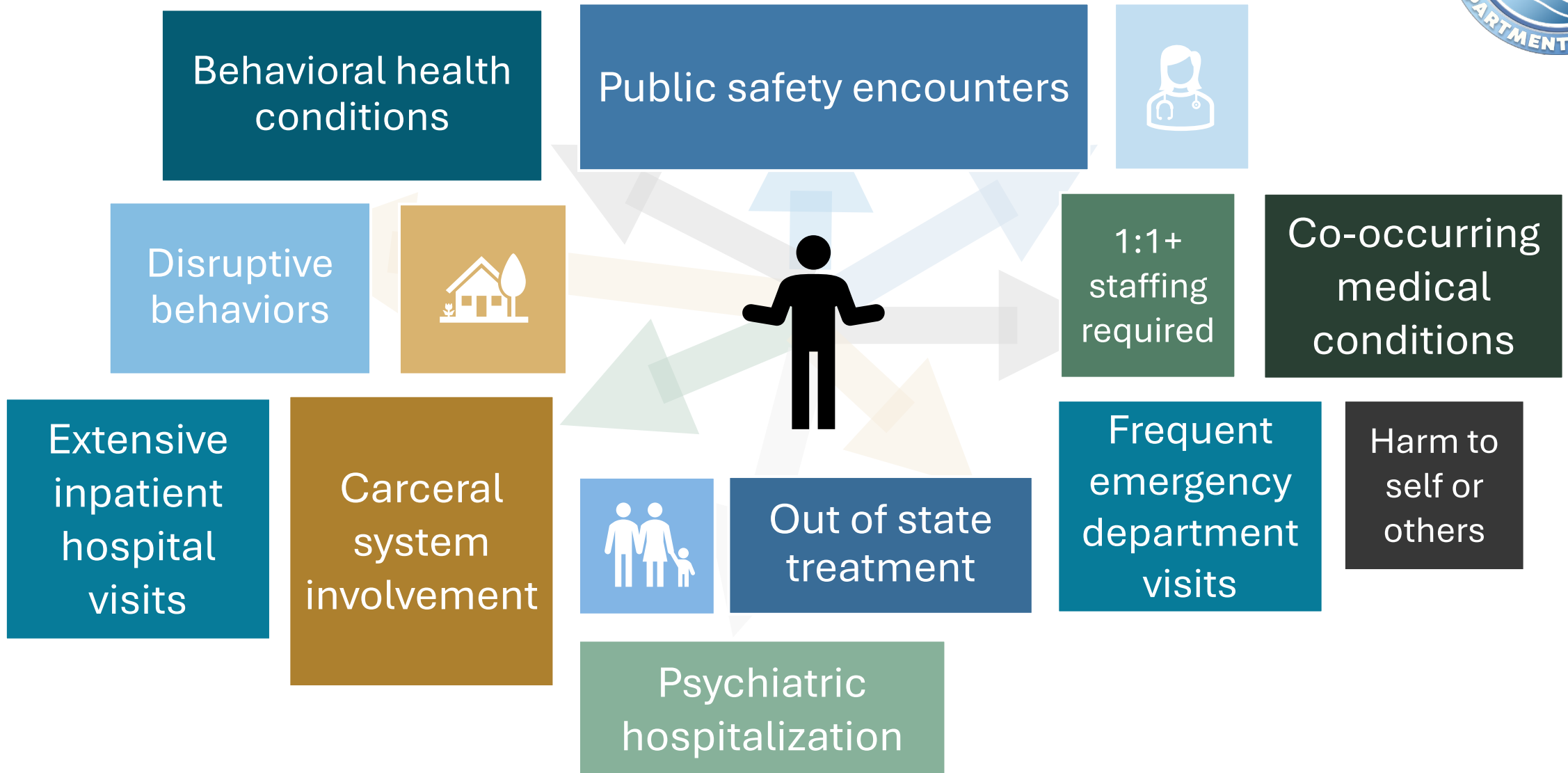
What Is Complex Care?



- **Definition:** Co-occurring behavioral, medical, or disability-related needs requiring a multi-disciplinary team and multiple programs.
- **Vision:** A coordinated system that delivers compassionate, timely, and person-centered care for the most vulnerable and complex Alaskans.



What Is Complex Care?



What Does HB 73 Do?



HB 73 creates the necessary **statutory framework** to allow the Department of Health to license and regulate a new setting:

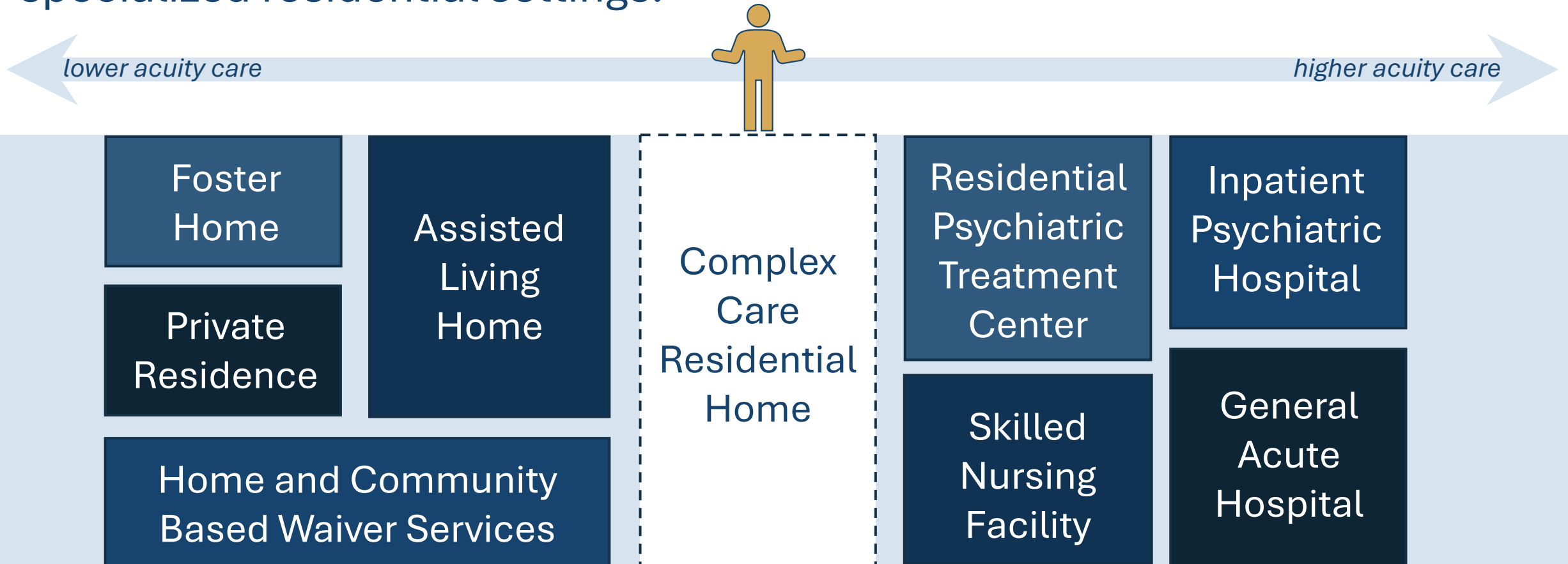
Complex Care Residential Homes (CCRHs)



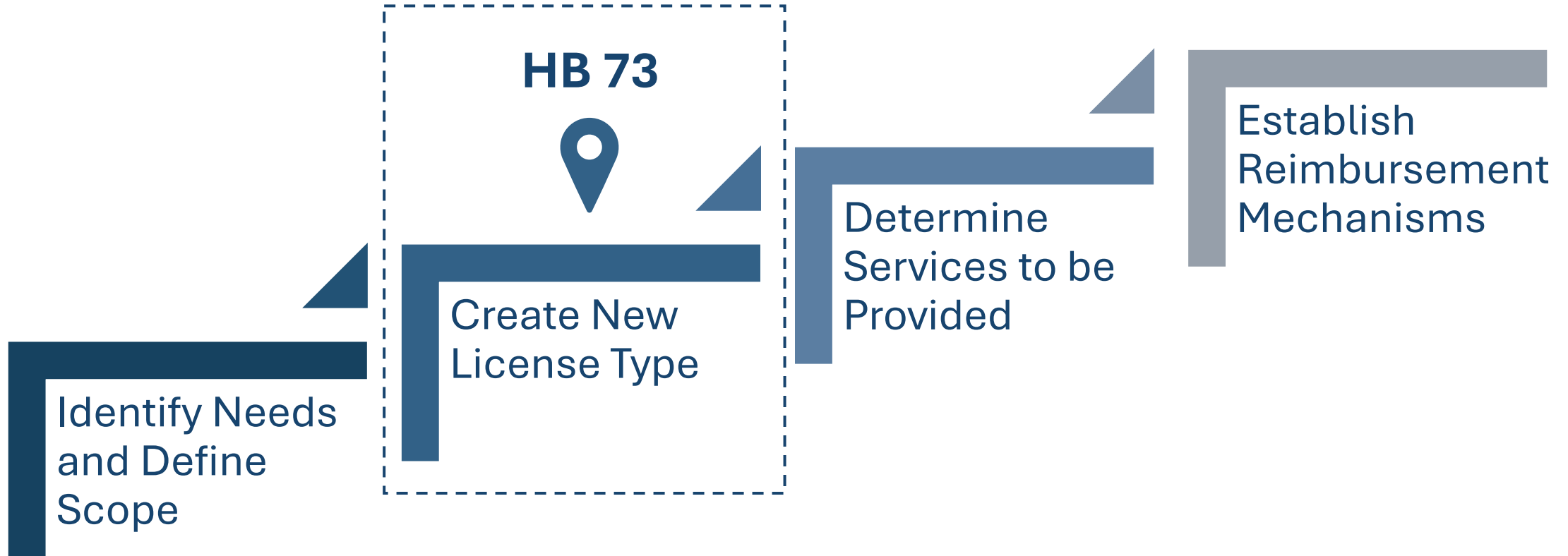
CCRHs Fill a Gap in the Care Continuum



There is a gap in Alaska's current continuum of care for ongoing, specialized residential settings.



Establishing a New Residential Setting



Who Would Benefit from CCRHs?

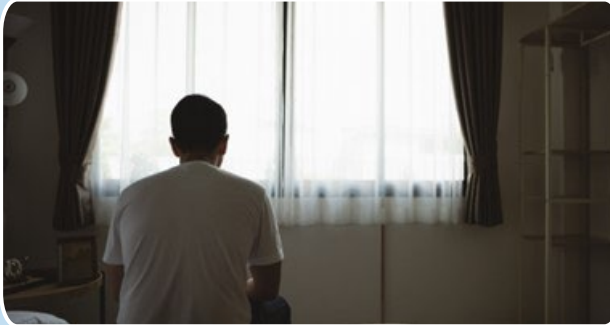


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Multiple behavioral health diagnoses

Treatment in an out-of-state facility

Fetal alcohol and autism spectrum disorders

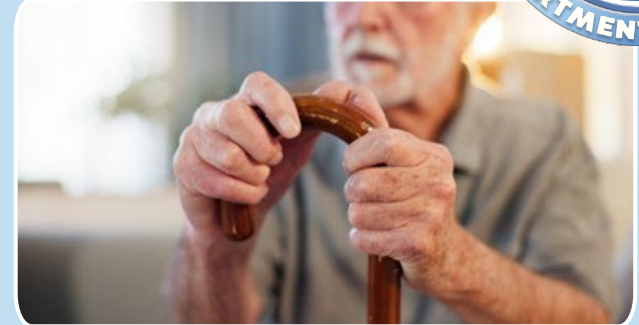


Adult

Severe and persistent mental illness

Frequent hospital visits and self harm history

Cognitive impairment



Senior

Dementia with behavioral health diagnoses

Does not qualify for Medicaid waiver services

Highly disruptive behaviors

Key Features of a CCRH



CCRHs will offer a new residential care setting in Alaska.



- Fewer than 15 residents
- 24/7 care from a multi-disciplinary team
- More supportive than assisted living homes and less restrictive than a psychiatric hospital
- Specialized monitoring, intervention, and/or treatment to meet the needs of residents

Benefits of a CCRH



- ✓ Improves care for Alaskans with complex needs
- ✓ Adds a license type for home-like settings that offer care in the most clinically appropriate environment
- ✓ Allows for service specialization and for specific requirements to be set forth in regulations
- ✓ Promotes community safety by offering a new service setting for individuals with complex behavioral health needs



Sectional Analysis



Section 1.

Amends AS 47.32.010(b) to add "complex care residential homes" to the list of entities regulated by the Department of Health.

Section 2.

Amends AS 47.32.900(2) to update the definition of "assisted living home" to exclude complex care residential homes.

Section 3.

Adds AS 47.32.900(11) to modify the definition of "hospital" to clarify that it does not include complex care residential homes.

Sectional Analysis



Section 4.

Adds AS 47.32.900(22) to introduce a new definition for “complex care residential home.” It is defined as a residential setting that provides 24-hour multi-disciplinary care on a continuing basis for up to 15 individuals with mental, behavioral, medical, or disability-related needs requiring specialized care, services and monitoring.

Section 5.

Amends the uncoded law by adding a new section that requires the Department of Health to submit for approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services amendments to the state Medicaid plan or apply for waivers necessary to implement the provisions of Sections 1-4.

Sectional Analysis



Section 6.

Amends the uncodified law by adding a new section specifying that sections 1-4 of the bill will only take effect if the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves the required Medicaid waivers or amendments by July 1, 2031. The commissioner of health is required to notify the revisor of statutes within 30 days once the necessary approvals are received.

Section 7.

Provides that sections 1-4 take effect the day after the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves amendments to the state plan or waivers submitted under Section 5.

Questions?

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