

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 169(RLS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/26/18

Referred: Today's Calendar

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GIESSEL

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to the definition of 'direct supervision' for purposes of medical**  
2   **assistance coverage of behavioral health clinic services."**

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

4   **\* Section 1.** AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5                   (h) For purposes of medical assistance coverage, the department may require  
6                   behavioral health clinic services to be provided by or under the direct supervision of a  
7                   physician licensed under AS 08.64. In this subsection, "direct supervision" means that  
8                   a physician licensed under AS 08.64 is available, either in person or by a  
9                   communication device, to

10                   (1) provide clinical consultation or oversight to the supervisee;  
11                   (2) approve behavioral health treatment plans;  
12                   (3) review each case to determine the need for continued care;  
13                   (4) ensure that the services provided to recipients of behavioral health  
14                   clinic services are medically necessary and clinically appropriate; and

1 (5) assume professional responsibility for the services provided.