

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(5) assume professional responsibility for the services provided.