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Good Afternoon Representative Mina and Representative Hall,

Following up to the presentation of HB 185: Family Planning; Medicaid in House Health and Social Services on 5/7/25. During committee there were a lot of questions regarding the definition of “family planning services” as it pertains to Medicaid services. Below I would like to offer the following clarification in with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):

7 AAC 110.230(f) defines “family planning services” as:

*“services and materials provided with the purpose of postponing, avoiding, or terminating pregnancy; includes the dispensing of birth control drugs and devices for males and females, and the performance of vasectomies, sterilizations, and abortions for the purpose of avoiding or terminating pregnancy.”*

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services classifies these services as follows:

- **Family planning services**

A broad range of medically approved services, e.g., U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive products and natural family planning methods, pregnancy testing and counseling, and sexually transmitted infection (STI) services.

Family planning services are eligible for 90 percent federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP).

- **Family planning-related services**

Medical diagnosis and treatment services that are provided pursuant to a family planning service in a family planning setting, including drugs for the treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases (STD) and sexually-transmitted infections (STI) and related follow-up and rescreening visits; drugs for the treatment of lower genital tract and genital skin infections/disorders and urinary tract infections and related follow-up visits; and other medical diagnosis, treatment, and preventive services that are routinely provided pursuant to a family planning service in a family planning setting, e.g., cervical cancer vaccination.

Family planning-related services are eligible for the state’s standard FMAP.

Alaska Medicaid does **not** provide coverage under family planning for the following services:

- Separately billed office supplies and services associated with office visits and procedures
- Handling or conveyance of a specimen from one provider to another
- Services outside the scope of the provider’s licensure
- Infertility and impotence-related services

Appointment no-shows and cancellations

Sincerely,



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