

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 1/30/09

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act adjusting certain fees for treatment or services under the Alaska Workers'**
2 **Compensation Act to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 23.30.097(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) All fees and other charges for medical treatment or service are subject to
7 regulation by the board consistent with this section. A fee or other charge for medical
8 treatment or service may not exceed the lowest of

9 (1) the usual, customary, and reasonable fees for the treatment or
10 service in the community in which it is rendered, for treatment or service

11 (A) provided before August 1, 2007, not to exceed the fees in
12 the board's fee schedule [SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD IN ITS
13 PUBLISHED BULLETIN] dated December 1, 2004;

14 (B) provided on or after August 1, 2007, but before March 31,

1 2009, not to exceed the fees otherwise applicable in (A) of this paragraph
2 adjusted by the percentage change from 2004 to 2006 in the medical care
3 component of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers compiled by
4 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;

5 **(C) provided on or after March 31, 2009, but before**
6 **December 31, 2010, not to exceed the fees otherwise applicable in (A) of**
7 **this paragraph adjusted by the percentage change from 2004 to 2008 in**
8 **the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index for all urban**
9 **consumers compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of**
10 **Labor Statistics;**

11 (2) the fee or charge for the treatment or service when provided to the
12 general public; or

13 (3) the fee or charge for the treatment or service negotiated by the
14 provider and the employer under (c) of this section.

15 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).