

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE OLSON

Introduced: 1/18/11

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to fees and charges for medical treatment or services as they relate to**
2 **workers' compensation; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

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

8 (1) the usual, customary, and reasonable fees for the treatment or
9 service in the community in which it is rendered, for treatment or service **provided on**
10 **or after December 31, 2010, not to exceed the fees or other charges as specified in**
11 **a fee schedule established by the board and adopted by reference in regulation;**
12 **the fee schedule must be based on statistically credible data, including charges**
13 **for the most recent category I, II, and III medical services maintained by the**
14 **American Medical Association and the Health Care Procedure Coding System**

for medical supplies, injections, emergency transportation, and other medically related services, and must result in a schedule that

(A) reflects the cost in the geographical area where services are provided; and

(B) is at the 90th percentile [(A) PROVIDED BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2007, NOT TO EXCEED THE FEES IN THE BOARD'S FEE SCHEDULE DATED DECEMBER 1, 2004;

(B) PROVIDED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 2007, BUT BEFORE MARCH 31, 2009, NOT TO EXCEED THE FEES OTHERWISE APPLICABLE IN (A) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ADJUSTED BY THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2004 TO 2006 IN THE MEDICAL CARE COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS COMPILED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS;

(C) PROVIDED ON OR AFTER MARCH 31, 2009, BUT BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2010, NOT TO EXCEED THE FEES OTHERWISE APPLICABLE IN (A) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ADJUSTED BY THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2004 TO 2008 IN THE MEDICAL CARE COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS COMPILED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS];

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

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

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