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Explanation of Changes: Proposed CS for House Bill 134

"An Act requiring Medicaid payment for medication compliance packaging, transporting, and dispensing services of a prescription for specified recipients; and providing for an effective date."

- The title has changed to reflect changes made within the bill.
- The intent of this legislation is that all persons currently eligible for these services will remain eligible if this legislation passes. The CS allows for this. **Section 1 AS 47.07.031(a).**
- The department will establish one fee that applies to all pharmacies when dispensing services under AS 47.07.031(a) of this bill. When establishing the fee they must consider AS 47.07.031(b) paragraphs (1) – (7). This change removes an unintended auditing burden the previous vision would have required each item to be accounted for separately. **Section 1 AS 47.07.031(b).**
- Language was changed to create a distinction between dispensing services and non-local transportation costs. The standard pharmacy reimbursement fee for dispensing traditionally includes local transport. In this section "transportation services" is considered separately when local transport is not available. **Section 1 AS 47.07.031(b)(7) & Section 1 AS 47.07.031(c).**
- A clarifying change was made to specify that the fee under section (a) is only for services that go above and beyond standard pharmacy dispensing. This prevents a pharmacy being reimbursed twice for a service that is standard practice in all pharmacies. **Section 1 AS 47.07.031(b).**
- Any mention of the term "mediset" has been replaced with "medication compliance packaging." **Section 1 AS 47.01.031(f)(1).**