

The TRUST

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

March 18, 2013

Representative Mia Costello
State Capitol Room, #501
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: House Bill 134 – Medicaid Payment for Mediset Prescription

Dear Representative Costello,

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is pleased to submit this letter in support of House Bill 134, "An act requiring Medicaid payment for scheduled unit dose prescription drug packaging and dispensing services for specified recipients."

The Trust supports programs, services and policy that positively impacts the lives of Trust beneficiaries, those Alaskans who experience a mental illness, substance abuse related disorder, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's and Related Dementia (ARD) or developmental disabilities. The Trust is an advocate of community-based services, systems and supports that assist beneficiaries to reside as independently as possible in our communities. Occasionally, the right support includes assistance with medication organization and management offered through prescription mediset packaging provided by local pharmacies in coordination with the individual's prescribing medical provider. We are in support of House Bill 134 because it ensures this service is maintained and available to Alaskans when necessary.

We appreciate your advocacy on behalf of Alaskans including Trust beneficiaries and look forward to continuing to work with you on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



Jeff Jessee, CEO