

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOLMES, Kerttula

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act prohibiting a health care insurer from denying coverage for an additional
2 limited quantity of prescription topical eye medication under certain circumstances."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 21.42.425. Coverage for prescription topical eye medication.** (a) A
6 health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, delivers, or renews a health care
7 insurance plan in the group or individual market in the state that provides coverage for
8 prescription topical eye medication to treat a chronic condition shall allow the early
9 refill of a prescription for a topical eye medication before the last day of the prescribed
10 dosage period, without regard to a coverage restriction.

11 (b) A covered person may request an early refill under this section

12 (1) not earlier than 23 days after a prescription for a 30-day supply is
13 dispensed;

14 (2) not earlier than 45 days after a prescription for a 60-day supply is

1 dispensed; and

2 (3) not earlier than 58 days after a prescription for a 90 day supply is
3 dispensed.

4 (c) A covered person may receive an early refill under this section not more
5 than once during a 30-day period.

6 (d) A covered person may only receive an early refill under this section if the
7 refill does not exceed the number of refills prescribed.

8 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 21.42.425, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to a health
11 care insurance plan offered, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1,
12 2014.