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SB 134 Sectional Analysis

Professional Counselor Services

SB 134 impacts AS 47.07.030(b) “Medical Services to be Provided” and AS 47.09.900 “Definitions,” under title 47, chapter 5, “Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions.”

Section 1: “Medical Services to be Provided” - AS 47.07.030(b)

PAGE 1, LINES 4-14 & PAGE 2, LINES 1-9: expands the Medicaid optional services by including professional counseling services to the list of optional services available through the Department of Health & Social Services under this subsection.

Section 2: “Definitions” – AS 47.07.900(20)

PAGE 2, LINES 10-14: amends chapter 07, “Medical Assistance for Needy Persons” by adding the definition of professional counseling services.

Section 3: “Medical Services to be Provided” – AS 47.07.030(b)

PAGE 2, LINES 15-20: adds professional counseling services to the list of optional services available through the Department of Health & Social Services under this subsection.

Section 4: “Medicaid State Plan and Federal Approval”

PAGE 2, LINES 21-29: amends the uncodified law to instruct the Department of Health and Social Services to submit an amendment to the state plan for medical assistance coverage and seek approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 5:

PAGE 2, LINES 30-31 & PAGE 3, LINE 1: provides for a contingent effective date.