SENATE BILL NO. 58

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/6/23
Referred: Health & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1   **"An Act relating to Medicaid eligibility; expanding eligibility for postpartum mothers;**

2   **conditioning the expansion of eligibility on approval by the United States Department of**

3   **Health and Human Services; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5   *** Section 1.** AS 47.07.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6   (o) The department may allow a pregnant woman who is determined to be

7   eligible for benefits under this chapter to remain eligible for those benefits postpartum

8   up to the maximum time period authorized under federal law.

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

10   read:

11   MEDICAID STATE PLAN. The Department of Health shall submit as necessary for

12   approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services amendments to the

13   state plan under AS 47.07.040 to allow enrolled individuals to receive postpartum medical

14   assistance for up to 12 months under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(16).

1   *** Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

2   read:

3   CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) Section 1 of this Act takes effect

4   only if, and to the extent that, the United States Department of Health and Human Services

5   approves amendments submitted in accordance with sec. 2 of this Act.

6   (b) The commissioner of health shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing within 30

7   days after the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves amendments

8   to the state plan.

9   *** Sec. 4.** If sec.1 of this Act takes effect, it takes effect on the day after the date the revisor

10   of statutes receives notice from the commissioner of health under sec. 3 of this Act.