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**AN ACT**

Relating to state assistance for community health aide programs; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

Approved by the Governor: May 29, 1985  
Actual Effective Date: July 1, 1985

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\* Section 1. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 28. STATE ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAMS.

Sec. 18.28.010. COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE GRANTS. (a) A qualified regional health organization is entitled to a grant of \$30,000 each fiscal year for the training and supervision of at least three primary community health aides.

(b) During each fiscal year a qualified regional health organization or local health organization is entitled to a grant of \$8,000 multiplied by the number of primary community health aides who each week during the previous fiscal year averaged at least 20 hours of service paid for by the health organization, but not to exceed the number of primary community health aides who were employed by the health organization on July 1, 1984.

(c) A grant under (b) of this section may be used only for

(1) training of primary community health aides, including tuition and travel to training programs;

(2) supervision of primary community health aides, including travel for supervisors;

(3) alternate community health aides.

(d) The department shall compute and pay a grant under this

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1 section within the limits of appropriations made for the purpose.

2 Sec. 18.28.020. QUALIFICATIONS. To qualify for a community  
3 health aide grant a regional or local health organization must

4 (1) have received money from the federal government for a  
5 community health aide program during the fiscal year for which the  
6 grant is sought;

7 (2) provide the services of community health aides on a  
8 nondiscriminatory basis for the benefit of the public;

9 (3) apply for the grant in accordance with application  
10 requirements of the department or negotiate a contract with the de-  
11 partment in lieu of a grant if the regional or local health organi-  
12 zation provides other contract services for the state; and

13 (4) supply information requested by the department.

14 Sec. 18.28.030. COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE GRANT ACCOUNT. (a) The  
15 community health aide grant account is established in the department.  
16 Money to carry out the provisions of this chapter shall be appropri-  
17 ated to the account and distributed as community health aide grants or  
18 to fund contracts entered into by the department under AS 18.28.-  
19 020(3).

20 (b) Each fiscal year the department shall determine the amount  
21 of money needed to fund all grants under AS 18.28.010 and contracts  
22 under AS 18.28.020(3) during the next fiscal year and shall report  
23 that amount to the legislature. If the amount appropriated to the  
24 account is not sufficient to finance all grants and contracts, the  
25 money shall be distributed pro rata among qualified regional and loca-  
26 health organizations.

27 Sec. 18.28.040. LIABILITY LIMITATION. The state is not liabl  
28 for any injury that may result from the use of money awarded by th  
29 state as a community health aide grant or paid by the state under

1 contract under this chapter.

2 Sec. 18.28.050. REGULATIONS. The department may adopt regula-  
3 tions necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

4 Sec. 18.28.100. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

5 (1) "alternate community health aide" means a person who  
6 assists the primary community health aide when necessary and acts in  
7 the absence of the primary community health aide;

8 (2) "community health aide" includes a primary community  
9 health aide and an alternate health aide;

10 (3) "department" means the Department of Health and Social  
11 Services;

12 (4) "local health organization" means a nonprofit corpo-  
13 ration or other entity that provides health services in a rural area  
14 that is less than 4,000 square miles;

15 (5) "primary community health aide" means a person who has  
16 completed the first of three levels of community health aide training  
17 offered by the Norton Sound Health Corporation at the Nome Hospital,  
18 the Kuskokwim Community College in Bethel, the Alaska Area Native  
19 Health Service in Anchorage, or another accredited training center;

20 (6) "regional health organization" means a nonprofit corpo-  
21 ration or home rule borough that provided health aide services

2 (A) under a contract with the Alaska Native Health  
3 Service that was in effect on July 1, 1984; and

4 (B) in a rural area that is at least 4,000 square  
5 miles.

6 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.