

**SENATE BILL NO. 193**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 1/8/96

Referred: Labor & Commerce

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act requiring insurance coverage for certain costs of birth; and providing  
2 for an effective date."

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. 21.42.347. COVERAGE FOR COSTS OF BIRTH. (a) An insurer who  
6 provides coverage for the costs of childbirth shall also provide coverage for the costs  
7 of hospitalization or medical care following childbirth for a period of not less than

8 (1) 48 hours after a vaginal birth; and

9 (2) 96 hours after a caesarean birth.

10 (b) In this section, "insurer" includes

11 (1) an insurer, as defined in AS 21.90.900;

12 (2) a group health plan, as defined in 29 U.S.C. 1167(l) (Employee  
13 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974);

14 (3) a health maintenance organization, as defined in AS 21.86.900;

1 (4) a hospital service corporation or medical service corporation, as  
2 defined in AS 21.87.330;

3 (5) a writing carrier, as defined in AS 21.55.500; and

4 (6) an entity offering a service benefit plan, as referred to in 42 U.S.C.  
5 1396g.

6 \* **Sec. 2.** APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a policy of insurance issued or renewed  
7 on or after the effective date of this Act.

8 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).