

HOUSE BILL NO. 350

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring that the cost of contraceptives and related health care services
2 be included in health insurance coverage."

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

4 * **Section 1.** SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Contraceptive Coverage Act
5 of 1998.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 21.42.390. Coverage for contraceptives.** (a) Except for a fraternal
8 benefit society, a health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, delivers, or renews
9 in this state a health care insurance plan shall provide coverage for contraceptives and
10 related health care services. The coverage required under this section is subject to
11 standard policy provisions applicable to other benefits, including deductible or
12 copayment provisions.

13 (b) In this section,

14 (1) "contraceptives" includes an appliance, a drug, or a medicinal

- 1 preparation intended for the prevention of conception;
- 2 (2) "health care services" includes consultations, examinations,
- 3 procedures, and services medically necessary to prescribe or administer contraceptives.