

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MARTIN, Green, Kohring, Kott, Dyson, Sanders, Kelly

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to assistance for abortions under the general relief program."

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

3 \* Section 1. AS 47.25.205 is amended to read:

4           **Sec. 47.25.205. Priority of general relief medical assistance. (a) Except**  
5           **as provided in (b) of this section, if** [IF] the department finds that the cost of medical  
6           assistance for all persons eligible under AS 47.25.120 - 47.25.300 will exceed the  
7           amount allocated in the state budget for that assistance for the fiscal year, the  
8           department shall eliminate coverage for medical services in the following order:

9                           (1) **abortions and related services and supplies, such as medical**  
10                          **supplies and equipment, transportation, laboratory and x-ray services, physician**  
11                          **services, hospital services, and pharmaceuticals, used for an abortion;**

12                          (2) treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders;

13                          (3) [(2)] optometrists' services and eyeglasses;

14                          (4) [(3)] occupational therapy;

15                          (5) [(4)] emergency dental services for adults;

- 1                   (6) [(5)] prosthetic devices not including dentures;
- 2                   (7) [(6)] medical supplies and equipment **other than those used to**
- 3 **perform an abortion;**
- 4                   (8) [(7)] physical therapy;
- 5                   (9) [(8)] outpatient laboratory and outpatient x-ray services **other than**
- 6 **those used for an abortion;**
- 7                   (10) [(9)] ambulatory surgical center services **other than services to**
- 8 **perform an abortion;**
- 9                   (11) [(10)] nonemergency medical transportation **other than**
- 10 **transportation to obtain an abortion;**
- 11                   (12) [(11)] outpatient physician services **other than services to**
- 12 **perform an abortion;**
- 13                   (13) [(12)] outpatient hospital services **other than services to perform**
- 14 **an abortion;**
- 15                   (14) [(13)] intermediate care facility services;
- 16                   (15) [(14)] skilled nursing facility services;
- 17                   (16) [(15)] emergency medical transportation **other than**
- 18 **transportation for an abortion;**
- 19                   (17) [(16)] pharmaceuticals **other than those used in an abortion;**
- 20                   (18) [(17)] inpatient physician services **other than services to perform**
- 21 **an abortion;**
- 22                   (19) [(18)] inpatient hospital services **other than services to perform**
- 23 **an abortion.**

24 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 47.25.205 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25                   (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the department shall provide coverage

26 for abortions and related services and supplies in cases where a woman who is

27 otherwise eligible under AS 47.25.120 - 47.25.300 suffers from a physical disorder,

28 physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition

29 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician

30 licensed under AS 08.64, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is

31 performed.