

HOUSE BILL NO. 420

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRICE

Introduced: 2/16/98

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring that health care insurers offer certain coverage for treatment**
2 **of diabetes."**

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. 21.42.390. Coverage for treatment of diabetes.** (a) A health care
6 insurer that offers in this state a health care insurance plan shall initially and at each
7 renewal offer coverage for the cost of treating diabetes, including medicine, equipment,
8 supplies, outpatient self-management training or education, and nutrition therapy. The
9 coverage required to be offered by this section shall be subject to standard policy
10 provisions applicable to other benefits, including deductible or copayment provisions.
11 Diabetes outpatient treatment and self-management training or education must be
12 provided by a health care provider with training in the treatment of diabetes.

13 (b) In this section,

14 (1) "diabetes" includes insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using

- 1 diabetes, gestational diabetes, and noninsulin using diabetes; and
- 2 (2) "health care provider" means a person licensed in this state to
- 3 provide health care services.