

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 298(HES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/28/00

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MURKOWSKI, Brice, Phillips, Cissna, Kerttula

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act requiring that health care insurers provide coverage for treatment of  
2 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 provide coverage for the cost of treating diabetes, including medication,  
8 equipment, supplies, outpatient self-management training or education, and nutrition  
9 therapy, if diabetes treatment is recommended by a health care provider. The coverage  
10 required by this section is subject to standard policy provisions applicable to other  
11 benefits, including deductible or copayment provisions. Coverage for the cost of  
12 diabetes outpatient self-management training or education and for the cost of nutrition  
13 therapy is only required if provided by a health care provider with training in the  
14 treatment of diabetes.

1 (b) In this section,

2 (1) "diabetes" includes insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using  
3 diabetes, gestational diabetes, and non-insulin-using diabetes;

4 (2) "health care provider" means a person licensed to provide health  
5 care services as required by the state.