

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURKOWSKI, Brice, Phillips, Cissna

Introduced: 1/21/00

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

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 offer 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.