

SENATE BILL NO. 82

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 2/18/99

Referred: HESS, 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 1999.

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 policy issued
8 to an individual or a qualified church-controlled organization with a religious-based
9 objection, a health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, delivers, or renews in
10 this state a health care insurance plan shall provide coverage for contraceptives and
11 related health care services. The coverage required under this section is subject to
12 standard policy provisions applicable to other benefits, including deductible or
13 copayment provisions.

14 (b) In this section,

1 (1) "contraceptives" includes an appliance, a drug, or a medicinal
2 preparation intended for the prevention of conception;

3 (2) "health care services" includes consultations, examinations,
4 procedures, and services medically necessary to prescribe or administer contraceptives;

5 (3) "qualified church-controlled organization" has the meaning given
6 in 26 U.S.C. 3121(w)(3).