

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 318(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a health insurance uniform prescription drug information card; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 21.06 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 21.06.086. Uniform prescription drug information card.** (a) A health
6 care insurer that provides coverage for prescription drugs or devices and that issues,
7 uses, requires, or reissues a card or other technology for prescription claims processing
8 shall issue or require the insurer's agent, contractor, or third-party administrator to
9 issue a uniform prescription drug information card for an insured, enrollee, or
10 participant in the insurer's health insurance plan as required in this section. The
11 director shall by regulation specify the information to be contained on a uniform
12 prescription drug information card and shall require, at a minimum, that a uniform
13 prescription drug information card

14 (1) except as required in this section, conform to the standards and

1 format of the current National Council for Prescription Drug Programs Pharmacy
2 Identification Card Implementation Guide; or

3 (2) contain, in a clear, readable, and understandable manner, all
4 information necessary for prescription drug claims submission, including

5 (A) the card issuer's name or logo on the front of the card;

6 (B) the name and identification number of the enrollee or
7 enrollee's dependent displayed on the front of the card;

8 (C) if the insurer accepts electronic prescription drug claims
9 submissions, complete and clearly labeled information for electronic
10 transaction claims routing, including

11 (i) the international or bank identification number;

12 (ii) the processor control number; or

13 (iii) the group number if required for adjudication;

14 (D) the name and address of the benefits administrator or other
15 entity responsible for prescription claims submission, adjudication, or
16 pharmacy provider correspondence for prescription benefits claims; and

17 (E) a help desk telephone number for pharmacy benefit claims
18 assistance or a reference to a telephone number for pharmacy benefit claims
19 assistance, unless provided electronically at the time of adjudication.

20 (b) This section

21 (1) does not apply to a health care insurer providing prescription drug
22 coverage under an excepted benefits policy;

23 (2) may not be construed to require the reissuance of a uniform
24 prescription drug information card issued before the effective date of this section; and

25 (3) does not require issuance of a separate prescription drug
26 information card if an existing information card contains the information required
27 under this section.

28 (c) In this section,

29 (1) "device" has the meaning given in AS 08.80.480;

30 (2) "excepted benefits" has the meaning given in AS 21.54.160;

31 (3) "health care insurer" has the meaning given in AS 21.54.500;

1 (4) "prescription drug" has the meaning given in AS 08.80.480 and
2 includes a device.

3 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2004.