

HOUSE BILL NO. 346

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES WOLF, Gruenberg, Crawford

Introduced: 1/12/04

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to health insurance coverage for gastric bypass surgery; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

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. 21.42.410. Coverage for treatment of obesity.** (a) A health care insurer
6 that offers, issues for delivery, delivers, or renews in this state a health care insurance
7 plan shall provide coverage under the plan for gastric bypass surgery when the surgery
8 is medically necessary for the treatment of obesity.

9 (b) The coverage required under this section is subject to standard policy
10 provisions applicable to other covered benefits, including deductible or copayment
11 provisions.

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