

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 543(RLS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/30/04

Referred: Today's Calendar

Sponsor(s): HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to medical assistance coverage for prescription drugs; and providing**  
2 **for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 47.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 47.07.037. Preferred drug list; limitation of drug coverage.** (a) If the  
6 department undertakes a cost containment measure under this chapter that involves a  
7 preferred drug list or limitation of medical assistance coverage for a drug, the  
8 department shall pay for a brand name drug when a prescriber indicates on the  
9 prescription that the drug is "medically necessary."

10 (b) In this section, "drug" means a prescription drug that is eligible under  
11 federal law for coverage under this chapter.

12 **\* Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).