

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 228(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/16/07

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KELLY, Neuman

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to fees for certain medical treatment and service under the Alaska
2 Workers' Compensation Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 23.30.097(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) All fees and other charges for medical treatment or service are subject to
6 regulation by the board consistent with this section. A fee or other charge for medical
7 treatment or service may not exceed the **lowest** [LESSER] of

8 (1) the usual, customary, and reasonable fees for the treatment or
9 service in the community in which it is rendered, **for treatment or service**

10 **(A) provided before August 1, 2007,** not to exceed the fees in
11 the fee schedule specified by the board in its published bulletin dated
12 December 1, 2004;

13 **(B) provided on or after August 1, 2007, but before**
14 **March 31, 2009, not to exceed the fees otherwise applicable in (A) of this**

1 paragraph adjusted by the percentage change from 2004 to 2006 in the
2 medical care component of the Consumer Price Index for all urban
3 consumers compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of
4 Labor Statistics;

5 (2) the fee or charge for the treatment or service when provided to the
6 general public; or

7 (3) the fee or charge for the treatment or service negotiated by the
8 provider and the employer under (c) of this section.

9 * **Sec. 2.** Section 75, ch. 10, FSSLA 2005, is repealed.

10 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. In accordance with AS 23.30.005, the Department
13 of Labor and Workforce Development may proceed to adopt regulations necessary to
14 implement the provisions of this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62
15 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before July 31, 2007.

16 * **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

17 * **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 31, 2007.