

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(FIN)

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS DAVIS, Wielechowski, McGuire, Elton, Ellis, French, Kookesh

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children,**
2 **pregnant women, disabled persons, and persons in medical or intermediate care**
3 **facilities; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 47.07.020(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) In addition to the persons specified in (a) of this section, the following
7 optional groups of persons for whom the state may claim federal financial
8 participation are eligible for medical assistance:

9 (1) persons eligible for but not receiving assistance under any plan of
10 the state approved under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act,
11 Supplemental Security Income) or a federal program designated as the successor to the
12 aid to families with dependent children program;

13 (2) persons in a general hospital, skilled nursing facility, or
14 intermediate care facility, who, if they left the facility, would be eligible for assistance

1 under one of the federal programs specified in (1) of this subsection;

2 (3) persons under 21 years of age who are under supervision of the
3 department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part from public
4 funds, and who are in foster homes or private child-care institutions;

5 (4) aged, blind, or disabled persons, who, because they do not meet
6 income and resources requirements, do not receive supplemental security income
7 under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act), and who do not
8 receive a mandatory state supplement, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if
9 they were not in a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to receive an
10 optional state supplementary payment;

11 (5) persons under 21 years of age who are in an institution designated
12 as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded and who are financially
13 eligible as determined by the standards of the federal program designated as the
14 successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

15 (6) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility whose income
16 while in the facility does not exceed \$1,656 a month but who would not be eligible for
17 an optional state supplementary payment if they left the hospital or other facility;

18 (7) persons under 21 years of age who are receiving active treatment in
19 a psychiatric hospital and who are financially eligible as determined by the standards
20 of the federal program designated as the successor to the aid to families with
21 dependent children program;

22 (8) persons under 21 years of age and not covered under (a) of this
23 section, who would be eligible for benefits under the federal program designated as
24 the successor to the aid to families with dependent children program, except that they
25 have the care and support of both their natural and adoptive parents;

26 (9) pregnant women not covered under (a) of this section and who
27 meet the income and resource requirements of the federal program designated as the
28 successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

29 (10) persons under 21 years of age not covered under (a) of this section
30 who the department has determined cannot be placed for adoption without medical
31 assistance because of a special need for medical or rehabilitative care and who the

1 department has determined are hard-to-place children eligible for subsidy under
2 AS 25.23.190 - 25.23.210;

3 (11) persons who can be considered under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(3) (Title
4 XIX, Social Security Act, Medical Assistance) to be individuals with respect to whom
5 a supplemental security income is being paid under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title
6 XVI, Social Security Act) because they meet all of the following criteria:

7 (A) they are 18 years of age or younger and qualify as disabled
8 individuals under 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a) (Title XVI, Social Security Act);

9 (B) the department has determined that

10 (i) they require a level of care provided in a hospital,
11 nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded;

12 (ii) it is appropriate to provide their care outside of an
13 institution; and

14 (iii) the estimated amount that would be spent for
15 medical assistance for their individual care outside an institution is not
16 greater than the estimated amount that would otherwise be expended
17 individually for medical assistance within an appropriate institution;

18 (C) if they were in a medical institution, they would be eligible
19 for medical assistance under other provisions of this chapter; and

20 (D) home and community-based services under a waiver
21 approved by the federal government are either not available to them under this
22 chapter or would be inappropriate for them;

23 (12) disabled persons, as described in 42 U.S.C.
24 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII), who are in families whose income, as determined under
25 applicable federal regulations or guidelines, is less than 250 percent of the official
26 poverty line applicable to a family of that size according to the **United States**
27 **Department of Health and Human Services** [FEDERAL OFFICE OF
28 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET], and who, but for earnings in excess of the limit
29 established under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(q)(2)(B), would be considered to be individuals
30 with respect to whom a supplemental security income is being paid under 42 U.S.C.
31 1381 - 1383c; a person eligible for assistance under this paragraph who is not eligible

1 under another provision of this section shall pay a premium or other cost-sharing
 2 charges according to a sliding fee scale that is based on income as established by the
 3 department in regulations;

4 (13) persons under 19 years of age who are not covered under (a) of
 5 this section and whose household income does not exceed **175 percent of the federal**
 6 **poverty guideline as defined by the United States Department of Health and**
 7 **Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2)**

8 [(A) \$1,635 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS
 9 OF ONE PERSON;

10 (B) \$2,208 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF
 11 TWO PERSONS;

12 (C) \$2,782 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF
 13 THREE PERSONS;

14 (D) \$3,355 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF
 15 FOUR PERSONS;

16 (E) \$3,928 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF
 17 FIVE PERSONS;

18 (F) \$4,501 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF
 19 SIX PERSONS;

20 (G) \$5,074 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF
 21 SEVEN PERSONS;

22 (H) \$5,647 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF
 23 EIGHT PERSONS;

24 (I) \$5,647 A MONTH, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$574 A
 25 MONTH FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON ABOVE EIGHT PERSONS WHO
 26 IS IN THE HOUSEHOLD IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF NINE
 27 PERSONS OR MORE];

28 (14) pregnant women who are not covered under (a) of this section and
 29 whose household income does not exceed **175 percent of the federal poverty line as**
 30 **defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and**
 31 **revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2)**

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18 PERSONS OR MORE];

19 (15) persons who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer
20 and who are eligible for coverage under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII).

21 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.07.042(d) is amended to read:

22 (d) In addition to the requirements established under (a) and (b) of this section,
23 the department may require premiums or cost-sharing contributions from recipients
24 who are eligible for benefits under AS 47.07.020(b)(13) and whose household income
25 is **between 150 and 175 percent of the federal poverty line** [GREATER THAN
26 THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT SET OUT IN (f) OF THIS SECTION]. If the
27 department requires premiums or cost-sharing contributions under this subsection, the
28 department

29 (1) shall adopt in regulation a sliding scale for those premiums or
30 contributions based on household income;

31 (2) may not exceed the maximums allowed under federal law; and

1 (3) shall implement a system by which the department or its designee
2 collects those premiums or contributions.

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.07.042(f) is repealed.

4 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).