

SENATE BILL NO. 170

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 5/3/07

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring that health care insurers provide insurance coverage for well-baby
2 exams."

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. 21.42.351. Coverage for well-baby exams.** (a) A health care insurer that
6 offers health care insurance that covers a dependent of a covered individual shall,
7 initially and at each renewal, provide coverage for the cost of well-baby exams. The
8 coverage required by this section is subject to standard policy provisions applicable to
9 other benefits, including deductible or copayment provisions.

10 (b) Coverage for well-baby exams under this section is limited to \$1,500 in a
11 year for each covered baby.

12 (c) In this section,

13 (1) "health care insurer" has the meaning given in AS 21.54.500;

14 (2) "health care professional" means a health aide, physician, nurse,

1 and physician assistant, but does not include a practitioner of religious healing;

2 (3) "well-baby exam" means

3 (A) a periodic physical examination by a qualified health care
4 professional of a baby during the first 24 months of life in which information is
5 collected on matters including normal development, growth rate, hearing,
6 vision, language skills, motor development, diet, general care, preventative
7 health care, immunizations, and infectious diseases; and

8 (B) consultation between the health care professional and a
9 parent.