

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(HES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/10/08

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS MCGUIRE, Davis

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act requiring that health care insurers offer 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, offer coverage for the cost of well-baby exams. The  
8 coverage required to be offered by this section is subject to standard policy provisions  
9 applicable to other benefits, including deductible or copayment provisions.

10 (b) In this section,

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

12 (2) "health care professional" means a physician, nurse, and physician  
13 assistant, but does not include a practitioner of religious healing;

14 (3) "well-baby exam" means

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