

SENATE BILL NO. 244

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing a consumer health information Internet website within the**
2 **Department of Health and Social Services."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 18.05.033. Information relating to consumer health.** (a) The
6 department shall establish, publicize, and maintain an Internet website for consumers
7 that contains readily available and educational health information including

8 (1) the list of preferred drugs approved by the department for
9 reimbursement by the department;

10 (2) a complete list, organized by region and address, of

11 (A) health facilities located in the state;

12 (B) licensed pharmacists and pharmacies located in the state;

13 (C) emergency and urgent care facilities located in the state;

14 (D) health insurance companies offering coverage in the state;

1 (E) health care providers licensed in the state, including the
2 provider license number, type, and expiration date along with disciplinary
3 actions, if any;

4 (F) long-term, in-home, and hospice care providers located in
5 the state;

6 (3) a list of the 100 most commonly prescribed medications in the state
7 and the source and price, updated monthly, of the medications;

8 (4) a list of the 100 most commonly conducted medical procedures in
9 the state, organized by the cash and negotiated price of the procedure at available
10 providers and insurers, updated annually;

11 (5) available hospital ratings, including the rates of hospital acquired
12 infections and mortality occurring at each hospital located in the state;

13 (6) consumer education information on topics that include body mass
14 index, diet and nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation, and alcohol and drug addictions,
15 that includes the location of available sites that provide care and treatment;

16 (7) a list of procedures approved by state agencies for emergency
17 response and treatment;

18 (8) disease management support information;

19 (9) insurance information that includes

20 (A) a navigator to determine insurance eligibility using a
21 matrix of available insurers;

22 (B) links to Internet websites for purchasing insurance policies;

23 (C) an explanation of mandatory and optional insurance
24 coverage; and

25 (10) a list of primary care clinics that cater to uninsured and self-pay
26 patients.

27 (b) The department may contract with a private entity to provide services and
28 information required under (a) of this section.