

SENATE BILL NO. 49

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act defining 'medically necessary abortion' for purposes of making payments**
2 **under the state Medicaid program."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 47.07.068. Payment for abortions.** (a) The department may not pay for
6 abortion services under this chapter unless the abortion services are for a medically
7 necessary abortion or the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest and the rape or
8 incest was promptly reported to law enforcement or public health authorities. Payment
9 may not be made for an elective abortion.

10 (b) In this section,

11 (1) "abortion" has the meaning given in AS 18.16.090;

12 (2) "elective abortion" means an abortion that is not a medically
13 necessary abortion;

14 (3) "medically necessary abortion" means that, in a physician's

objective and reasonable professional judgment after considering medically relevant factors, an abortion must be performed to avoid a threat of serious risk to the life or physical health of a woman from continuation of the woman's pregnancy;

(4) "serious risk to the life or physical health" includes, but is not limited to, a serious risk to the pregnant woman of

(A) death; or

(B) impairment of a major bodily function because of

(i) diabetes with acute metabolic derangement or severe end organ damage;

(ii) renal disease that requires dialysis treatment;

(iii) severe pre-eclampsia;

(iv) eclampsia;

(v) convulsions;

(vi) status epilepticus;

(vii) sickle cell anemia;

(viii) severe congenital or acquired heart disease, class

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(ix) pulmonary hypertension;

(x) malignancy if pregnancy would prevent or limit treatment;

(xi) kidney infection;

(xii) congestive heart failure;

(xiii) epilepsy;

(xiv) seizures;

(xv) coma;

(xvi) severe infection exacerbated by pregnancy;

(xvii) rupture of amniotic membranes;

(xviii) advanced cervical dilation of more than six centimeters at less than 22 weeks gestation;

(xix) cervical or cesarean section scar ectopic implantation;

- 1 (xx) any pregnancy not implanted in the uterine cavity;
- 2 (xxi) amniotic fluid embolus; or
- 3 (xxii) another debilitating physical condition.