

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 315(HSS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/6/16**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES VAZQUEZ, Reinbold**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to an electronic visit verification system pilot project for providers of**  
2 **personal care services or home and community-based services under the state medical**  
3 **assistance program."**

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

5 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
6 to read:

7 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to

8 (1) protect vulnerable Alaskans and the integrity of the medical assistance  
9 program by reducing the number of fraudulent claims and ensuring that services are provided  
10 to medical assistance recipients; and

11 (2) use technology to improve accountability for personal care services and  
12 home and community-based services delivered to medical assistance recipients.

13 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
14 read:

1 ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION SYSTEM PILOT PROJECT FOR  
2 SPECIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES. (a) An electronic visit verification  
3 system pilot project is established for the purpose of improving accountability for care  
4 provided through the state medical assistance program described under AS 47.07. The  
5 Department of Health and Social Services shall adopt guidelines for the use of electronic visit  
6 verification systems under the pilot project to verify visits conducted to provide personal care  
7 services in the home of a medical assistance recipient or other approved setting or visits  
8 conducted to provide home and community-based services. In the guidelines adopted under  
9 this section, the Department of Health and Social Services shall

10 (1) establish eligibility guidelines for providers to participate in the pilot  
11 project;

12 (2) require an electronic visit verification system to document, at a minimum,  
13 the

14 (A) name of the provider and the employee or contractor providing the  
15 service on behalf of the medical assistance provider;

16 (B) recipient's name;

17 (C) date and time the employee or contractor begins and ends the  
18 delivery of services; and

19 (D) location of the delivery of services.

20 (b) The Department of Health and Social Services may consider a third-party vendor  
21 system for the pilot project under this section.

22 (c) The Department of Health and Social Services shall review the electronic visit  
23 verification system or systems implemented under this section and prepare a report making  
24 recommendations for the potential statewide application of electronic visit verification  
25 systems. On or before July 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Social Services shall  
26 deliver the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives  
27 and notify the legislature that the report is available.