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**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 169(RLS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/26/18**

**Referred: Today's Calendar**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR GIESSEL**

**REPRESENTATIVES Gara, Millett**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the definition of 'direct supervision' for purposes of medical**  
2 **assistance coverage of behavioral health clinic services."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) For purposes of medical assistance coverage, the department may require  
6 behavioral health clinic services to be provided by or under the direct supervision of a  
7 physician licensed under AS 08.64. In this subsection, "direct supervision" means that  
8 a physician licensed under AS 08.64 is available, either in person or by a  
9 communication device, to

- 10 (1) provide clinical consultation or oversight to the supervisee;
- 11 (2) approve behavioral health treatment plans;
- 12 (3) review each case to determine the need for continued care;
- 13 (4) ensure that the services provided to recipients of behavioral health
- 14 clinic services are medically necessary and clinically appropriate; and

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(5) assume professional responsibility for the services provided.