

AMENDMENT #15

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TO: HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)

1 Page 1, line 1: (file amendment)

2 Following "Act":

3 Insert "establishing a single-payer health care program;"

4 Delete "and"

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6 Page 1, line 3, following "Development":

7 Insert "; and providing for an effective date"

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9 Page 1, following line 4:

10 Insert a new bill section to read:

11 "** Section 1. AS 18.09 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 **Article 3A. Single-payer health care program.**

13 **Sec. 18.09.400. Single-payer health care program.** (a) The department, in
14 consultation with the director of the division of insurance, shall design and implement
15 a program to provide coverage for health care services from participating providers in
16 the state where the services are necessary or appropriate for the prevention, diagnosis,
17 treatment, maintenance, or rehabilitation of an injury, disability, or disease. At a
18 minimum, the program under this section must provide

19 (1) coverage for

20 (A) hospital services;

21 (B) medical and other professional services furnished by
22 participating providers;

23 (C) laboratory tests and imaging procedures;

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(D) home health care for state residents requiring services performed by or under the supervision of professional or technical personnel, including home health care for acute and chronic illness and personal care attendant services;

(E) rehabilitative services for state residents receiving therapeutic care;

(F) prescription drugs and devices;

(G) mental health services;

(H) substance use disorder treatment;

(I) primary and acute dental services;

(J) vision appliances, including lenses, frames, and contact lenses;

(K) medical supplies, durable medical equipment, and selected assistive devices; and

(L) hospice care;

(2) delivery of covered health care services through organized delivery systems;

(3) payment for covered health care services provided to a state resident while the resident is in the state or out of the state;

(4) payment for a reasonable amount charged for medically necessary health care services;

(5) fair rates of compensation with participating providers and organized delivery systems; and

(6) for negotiation with pharmaceutical companies for similarly classified pharmaceuticals.

(b) Subject to appropriation, the department shall provide the coverage required in (a) of this section for each state resident who

(1) is not

(A) eligible to receive assistance under AS 47.07 or AS 47.08;

or

(B) enrolled in the Medicare program; and

1 (2) has an income that is below 250 percent of the federal poverty line.

2 (c) In this section, "federal poverty line" means the poverty line defined by the
3 United States Department of Health and Human Services and updated annually by
4 federal regulation."
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6 Page 1, line 5:

7 Delete "**Section 1**"

8 Insert "**Sec. 2**"
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10 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
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12 Page 6, following line 30:

13 Insert new bill sections to read:

14 "* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 TRANSITION: WAIVER REQUEST; REGULATIONS. (a) The Department of
17 Health and any other affected department or agency shall apply for all waivers, exemptions,
18 and approvals from the federal government that are necessary to fully implement the program
19 established under AS 18.09.400.

20 (b) The commissioner of health and director of the division of insurance may adopt
21 regulations necessary to implement sec. 1 of this Act. The regulations adopted under this
22 section are not subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

23 * **Sec. 6.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

24 * **Sec. 7.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2025."