

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 151(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/25/25

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GALVIN, Fields, Frier

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to continuous eligibility for medical assistance for children under six
2 years of age; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.07.020(i) is amended to read:

5 (i) **The department shall allow a person under six years of age who is**
6 **determined to be eligible for benefits under this chapter to remain eligible for**
7 **those benefits until the person is six years old.** The department may allow a person
8 **who is at least six years of age but not over** [UNDER] 19 years of age **and** who is
9 determined to be eligible for benefits under this chapter to remain eligible for those
10 benefits for up to 11 calendar months following the month that the person is
11 determined eligible for benefits or until the person is 19 years old, whichever occurs
12 earlier.

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

1 MEDICAID STATE PLAN; WAIVERS. The Department of Health shall, as
2 necessary for federal approval by the United States Department of Health and Human
3 Services, submit amendments to the state plan for medical assistance coverage or apply for
4 any waivers necessary to implement AS 47.07.020(i), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act.

5 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
6 read:

7 CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) Section 1 of this Act takes effect
8 only if, on or before July 1, 2027, the United States Department of Health and Human
9 Services

10 (1) approves the waivers or amendments to the state plan for medical
11 assistance coverage submitted in accordance with sec. 2 of this Act; or

12 (2) determines that approval of the waivers and amendments to the state plan
13 for medical assistance coverage submitted in accordance with sec. 2 of this Act is not
14 necessary.

15 (b) The commissioner of health shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing within 30
16 days after the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves the waivers
17 or amendments to the state plan or determines that approval of the waivers and amendments is
18 not necessary under this section.

19 * **Sec. 4.** If sec. 1 of this Act takes effect, it takes effect on the day after the date the United
20 States Department of Health and Human Services approves the waivers or amendments to the
21 state plan or determines that approval of the waivers and amendments is not necessary.