

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 224

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state participation in  
7 the federal program for medical assistance  
8 to the aged under Title VI, Public Law 86-  
9 778; and providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. There is established a fund in the state treasury  
12 for the purpose of matching funds received from the federal govern-  
13 ment for medical assistance to the aged under Public Law 86-778.

14 Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Welfare, division of  
15 welfare, shall be the supervising agency in this plan, and shall  
16 determine the eligibility of an applicant.

17 Sec. 3. Medical assistance shall be granted to an Alaska  
18 resident who meets the following conditions:

19 (1) He has made application with the division of welfare,

20 (2) He is receiving old age assistance or if not  
21 receiving old age assistance he is 65 years of age or older and  
22 meets all the requirements of Paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6)  
23 of this section. As required by federal law, all persons must  
24 meet the requirements of Paragraphs (7) and (8) of this section.

25 (3) His need for medical care has been professionally  
26 established by the licensed physician of his choice. No payment is  
27 available through the legal obligation of a public or private con-  
28 tractor to pay or provide for such care. No payment shall be made  
29 under this Act for any hospital service to which the patient is

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1 entitled under Workmen's Compensation. Where application for  
2 Workmen's Compensation benefits has been made, and entitlement has  
3 not been finally determined, payment may be made under this Act.

4 (4) He, if unmarried or not living with spouse, has an  
5 annual income from all sources of not more than \$2,500.00, or if  
6 married and living with spouse, an annual income of not more than  
7 \$3,000.00. Contributions made by a son, daughter, or estranged  
8 spouse to the applicant shall be included in income.

9 (5) He, if unmarried, has liquid or marketable assets  
10 of not more than \$2,500.00 in value, or if married, he and spouse  
11 have liquid or marketable assets of not more than \$3,000.00.  
12 Excluded in determination of the value of liquid or marketable  
13 assets are the values of: (a) clothing and household effects;  
14 (b) the fair market value of tangible personal property used in  
15 earning income not to exceed \$2,000.00.

16 (6) He has made no assignment or transfer of any real  
17 or personal property or income within five years immediately pre-  
18 ceding the date of application for assistance under this Act for  
19 the purpose of qualifying for medical assistance to the aged or  
20 for any form of assistance granted under the social welfare Act,  
21 or for the purpose of increasing the amount of medical assistance  
22 to the aged or any form of assistance granted under the social  
23 welfare Act or for the purpose of precluding recovery.

24 (7) He is not a patient in any institution as a result  
25 of a diagnosis of tuberculosis or mental disease.

26 (8) He is not an inmate of a public institution except  
27 as a patient in a medical institution.

28 Sec. 4. Authority to promulgate necessary rules and regula-  
29 tions for administration of this Act is granted to the division of

1 welfare.

2       Sec. 5. Services shall be rendered upon certification by the  
3 attending licensed medical doctor that a service is required for  
4 the medical treatment of an individual. Services in a medical  
5 institution shall be rendered only after referral by a licensed  
6 medical doctor and certification by him that such services are re-  
7 quired, except that referral shall not be required in emergency  
8 cases. Periodic recertification is required for treatment extend-  
9 ing over a period of time. Hospital and medical doctor service to  
10 which eligible persons are entitled shall be paid in full.

11       Sec. 6. Benefits include: 120 days of care for each con-  
12 tinuous period of hospital confinement in semi-private (two beds)  
13 or ward (three or more beds) accommodations or for successive  
14 periods of hospital confinement separated by less than three  
15 months. A beneficiary will again be entitled to a maximum benefit  
16 period of 120 days when there has been a lapse of at least three  
17 months between the date of last discharge from a hospital and the  
18 date of next admission. Covers meals and special diets; general  
19 nursing service; use of operating and other surgical treatment  
20 rooms; anesthesia administered by a medical doctor anesthesiolo-  
21 gist or registered nurse anesthetist; all anatomic and clinical  
22 pathology, including all laboratory examinations, typing of blood  
23 donors, blood, plasma; all radiology including diagnostic X-ray  
24 examinations and therapeutic radiation; physical therapy treat-  
25 ments; oxygen and other gas therapy; drugs, biologicals, and solu-  
26 tions listed in the U.S. Pharmacopeia (XV), the National Formulary  
27 (10th ed.) and New and Nonofficial Drugs (1958), or included in  
28 supplemental listings of the Plan; gauze, cotton, fabrics, solu-  
29 tions, plaster and other materials for dressings and casts; use

1 of radium.

2           Sec. 7. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage  
3 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.  
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