

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR POLLOCK

2 SENATE BILL NO. 166

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 for 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 wel-
20 fare.

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

26 (3) His need for medical care has been professionally
27 established by the licensed physician of his choice. No payment
28 is available through the legal obligation of a public or private
29 contractor to pay or provide for such care. No payment

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1 shall be made under this Act for any hospital service to which
2 the patient is entitled under Workmen's Compensation. Where
3 application for Workmen's Compensation benefits has been made,
4 and entitlement has not been finally determined, payment may be
5 made under this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. 4. Authority to promulgate necessary rules and regula-
2 tions for administration of this Act is granted to the division
3 of welfare.

4 Sec. 5. Services shall be rendered upon certification by
5 the attending licensed medical doctor that a service is required
6 for the medical treatment of an individual. Services in a medi-
7 cal institution shall be rendered only after referral by a
8 licensed medical doctor and certification by him that such ser-
9 vices are required, except that referral shall not be required
10 in emergency cases. Periodic recertification is required for
11 treatment extending over a period of time. Hospital and medical
12 doctor service to which eligible persons are entitled shall be
13 paid in full.

14 Sec. 6. Benefits include: 120 days of care for each con-
15 tinuous period of hospital confinement in semi-private (two beds)
16 or ward (three or more beds) accommodations or for successive
17 periods of hospital confinement separated by less than three
18 months. A beneficiary will again be entitled to a maximum bene-
19 fit period of 120 days when there has been a lapse of at least
20 three months between the date of last discharge from a hospital
21 and the date of next admission. Covers meals and special diets;
22 general nursing service; use of operating and other surgical
23 treatment rooms; anesthesia administered by a medical doctor
24 anesthesiologist or registered nurse anesthetist; all anatomic
25 and clinical pathology, including all laboratory examinations,
26 typing of blood donors, blood, plasma; all radiology including
27 diagnostic X-ray examinations and therapeutic radiation; physical
28 therapy treatments; oxygen and other gas therapy; drugs,
29 biologicals, and solutions listed in the U. S. Pharmacopeia (XV),

1 the National Formulary (10th ed.) and New and Nonofficial Drugs
2 (1958), or included in supplemental listings of the Plan; gauze,
3 cotton, fabrics, solutions, plaster and other materials for
4 dressings and casts; use of radium.

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

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