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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE,
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 230

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to community mental health
7 services; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.30 is amended by adding new sections to
11 read:

12 ARTICLE 4. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

13 Sec. 47.30.470. STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOCAL MENTAL
14 HEALTH PROGRAM EXPENSES. A city outside an organized borough,
15 or an organized borough which provides a mental health pro-
16 gram, is eligible for state assistance if

17 (1) the administrator of the program is responsible
18 to the governing body of the city or borough;

19 (2) the administrator is a psychiatrist who meets
20 requirements established by the department or, if no psychia-
21 trist is available, is a person trained in at least one of
22 the specialties of mental health;

23 (3) the board complies with regulations concerning
24 treatment of patients adopted by the department;

25 (4) the board provides treatment without fee for
26 those who need treatment but cannot pay.

27 Sec. 47.30.480. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS AND SERVICES. (a)
28 A city or borough which qualifies under sec. 470 of this
29 chapter is entitled to state reimbursement for

1 (1) outpatient psychiatric or mental health clinics
2 (2) inpatient psychiatric services in general hos-
3 pitals;

4 (3) psychiatric rehabilitation services for persons
5 suffering from psychiatric disorders;

6 (4) consultation and educational services furnished
7 by the board and supervised by the board to schools, courts,
8 health and welfare agencies, and other appropriate agencies
9 approved by the department for which the city or borough is
10 not otherwise reimbursed;

11 (5) personnel salaries and operation and maintenance
12 costs connected with (a) (1)(2)(3)(4) of this section.

13 (b) Only services specified in (a) (1)(2)(3) of this
14 section provided to persons not able to pay for private ser-
15 vices may be reimbursed.

16 Sec. 47.30.490. AMOUNT AND METHOD OF REIMBURSEMENT.(a)
17 A qualified city or borough is entitled to reimbursement for
18 50 per cent of the amount spent on services and items listed
19 in sec. 480 of this chapter, or \$1 for each inhabitant of the
20 area served by the mental health program, whichever is less.
21 The secretary of state shall determine the number of inhabi-
22 tants.

23 (b) The department shall administer reimbursements. It
24 shall adopt rules specifying the time and manner of applying
25 for reimbursements.

26 Sec. 47.30.500. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 470-490 of this
27 chapter

28 "department" means the Department of Health and
29 Welfare.

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* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1964.