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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 56

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical assistance for needy persons; and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

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CHAPTER 7. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY PERSONS.

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Sec. 47.07.010. PURPOSE. It is declared as a matter of public concern that the needy persons of this state receive uniform and high quality medical care, regardless of race, age, national origin, or economic standing. Accordingly, this chapter authorizes the Department of Health and Social Services to apply for participation in the national medical assistance program as provided for under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

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Sec. 47.07.020. ELIGIBLE PERSONS. A resident of the state who is eligible to receive financial assistance under Titles I, IV, X, and XIV of the Social Security Act is to be also considered eligible to receive medical assistance under Title XIX. Receipt of medical assistance under this chapter is considered to be an incremental benefit to these individuals and does not affect other assistance payments, federal or state, for which the recipient is eligible.

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Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, laboratory, skilled nursing home, physicians and home health care services. If required by federal law or valid federal regulation, then the medical services of diagnostic medical screening services to

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1 include dental services for children under six years of age, and
2 reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care, shall
3 be provided. No additional services shall be provided unless approved
4 by the legislature.

5 Sec. 47.07.040. STATE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

6 The department shall prepare a state plan in accordance with the provi-
7 sions of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and submit it
8 for approval to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
9 The plan shall designate that the state Department of Health and
10 Social Services is the single state agency to supervise the adminis-
11 tration of this plan. The department shall act for the state in any
12 negotiations relative to the submission and approval of the plan and
13 may make those arrangements, not inconsistent with law, as may be
14 required by or under federal law to obtain and retain approval of the
15 U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to secure for the
16 state the provisions of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

17 Sec. 47.07.050. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

18 The department shall take such steps necessary to make those regula-
19 tions, prepare necessary documentation for the state and providers and
20 undertake such systems design as may be necessary to implement the
21 provisions of this chapter on or before November 1, 1972. Implementa-
22 tion of the medical assistance program shall include appropriate
23 controls and reporting capabilities as required by the U.S. Department
24 of Health, Education and Welfare, and the department shall make those
25 necessary reports as required by that federal agency or as requested
26 by the legislature.

27 Sec. 47.07.060. RECEIPT OF FEDERAL MONEY. The Department of
28 Administration shall accept and receive any and all grants of money
29 awarded to the state under Title XIX of the federal Social Security

1 Act. All money so received shall be deposited by the Department of
2 Administration in a special account of the state treasurer and shall be
3 used by the state exclusively for medical assistance and the adminis-
4 tration of medical assistance under the provisions of this chapter.
5 This money shall be paid from the account on a certified disbursement
6 voucher from the department.

7 Sec. 47.07.070. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROVIDERS. Subject to require-
8 ments of federal law or regulation, reimbursement to providers of
9 services shall be on the basis of fair rates for the reasonable cost of
10 services rendered, to include the provision for

11 (1) patient care;

12 (2) charity and credit losses in accordance with the federal
13 department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations;

14 (3) preservation, improvement and expansion of buildings and
15 equipment;

16 (4) debt services for amortization of principal and interest
17 payments.

18 Sec. 47.07.080. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter "department" means
19 the Department of Health and Social Services.

20 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval
21 or on the day it becomes law without approval.
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