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HOUSE CS FOR 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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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical assistance for needy

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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) A resident of the state who is eligible to receive financial assistance under Titles I, IV, X and XIV of the Social Security Act and whose income for the family unit is within the limits set out in (1) - (9) of this subsection is 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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(1) One person \$300

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(2) Family of two 375

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(3) Family of three 437

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(4) Family of four 500

- 1 (5) Family of five 562
2 (6) Family of six 625
3 (7) Family of seven 687
4 (8) Family of eight 750
5 (9) Add \$50 for each additional person over eight in the
6 family budget unit.

7 (b) The department shall determine the eligibility of recipients
8 monthly and shall establish procedures whereby the recipient can
9 furnish providers of services proof of current eligibility.

10 Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services
11 to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient
12 hospital, laboratory, skilled nursing home, physicians and home health
13 care services. If required by federal law or valid federal regulation,
14 then the medical services of diagnostic medical screening services to
15 include dental services for children under six years of age, and
16 reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care, shall
17 be provided. No additional services shall be provided unless approved
18 by the legislature.

19 Sec. 47.07.040. STATE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
20 The department shall prepare a state plan in accordance with the provi-
21 sions of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and submit it
22 for approval to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
23 The plan shall designate that the state Department of Health and
24 Social Services is the single state agency to supervise the administra-
25 tion of this plan. The department shall act for the state in any
26 negotiations relative to the submission and approval of the plan and
27 may make those arrangements, not inconsistent with law, as may be
28 required by or under federal law to obtain and retain approval of the
29 U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to secure for the

1 state the provisions of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

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

3 The department shall take such steps necessary to make those regula-
4 tions, prepare necessary documentation for the state and providers and
5 undertake such systems design as may be necessary to implement the
6 provisions of this chapter on or before November 1, 1972. Implementa-
7 tion of the medical assistance program shall include appropriate
8 controls and reporting capabilities as required by the U.S. Department
9 of Health, Education and Welfare, and the department shall make those
10 necessary reports as required by that federal agency or as requested
11 by the legislature.

12 Sec. 47.07.060. RECEIPT OF FEDERAL MONEY. The Department of
13 Administration shall accept and receive any and all grants of money
14 awarded to the state under Title XIX of the federal Social Security
15 Act. All money so received shall be deposited by the Department of
16 Administration in a special account of the state treasurer and shall be
17 used by the state exclusively for medical assistance and the adminis-
18 tration of medical assistance under the provisions of this chapter.
19 This money shall be paid from the account on a certified disbursement
20 voucher from the department.

21 Sec. 47.07.070. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROVIDERS. Reimbursement to
22 providers of services shall be on the basis of fair rates for the
23 reasonable cost of services rendered, to include the provision for

24 (1) patient care;

25 (2) charity and credit losses in accordance with the federal
26 Department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations;

27 (3) preservation, improvement and expansion of buildings
28 and equipment;

29 (4) debt services for amortization of principal and interest

1 payments.

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

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