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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2 FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

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

10 CHAPTER 7. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY PERSONS.

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

18 Sec. 47.07.020. ELIGIBLE PERSONS. A resident of the state who
19 is eligible to receive financial assistance under titles I (Old Age
20 Assistance), IV (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), X (Aid to
21 the Blind), XIV (Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled), or
22 XVI (the combined program for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled) of
23 the Social Security Act as these programs are administered by the
24 state, including a person now in a nursing home who, if he left the
25 nursing home, would be eligible, is eligible to receive medical assis-
26 tance under title XIX of the Social Security Act. Receipt of
27 medical assistance under this chapter is considered to be an additional
28 benefit to these individuals and does not affect other assistance pay-
29 ments, federal or state, for which the recipient is eligible.

1 Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services
2 to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient
3 hospital, laboratory and x-ray, skilled nursing home, physicians and
4 home health care services. If required by federal law or valid
5 federal regulation, then the medical services of diagnostic medical
6 screening services to include dental services for children under 21
7 years of age, and reasonable transportation to and from the point of
8 medical care, shall be provided. No additional services may be pro-
9 vided unless approved by the legislature.

10 Sec. 47.07.040. STATE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
11 The department shall prepare a state plan in accordance with the provi-
12 sions of title XIX of the Social Security Act and submit it for ap-
13 proval to the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
14 The plan shall designate that the Department of Health and Social
15 Services is the single state agency to administer this plan. The
16 department shall act for the state in any negotiations relative to the
17 submission and approval of the plan and may make those arrangements,
18 not inconsistent with law, as may be required under federal law to
19 obtain and retain approval of the United States Department of Health,
20 Education and Welfare to secure for the state the provisions of title
21 XIX of the Social Security Act. In addition, the department shall pro-
22 vide a report to the legislature no later than March 15 of each year
23 concerning the status of this program and recommendations, with support-
24 ing fiscal data, as to any changes in the coverage of eligible persons
25 or services to be provided.

26 Sec. 47.07.050. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
27 The department shall take the steps necessary to make those regulations,
28 prepare necessary documentation for the state and providers and under-
29 take the systems design that may be necessary to implement the provisions

1 of this chapter on or before November 1, 1972. Implementation of the
2 medical assistance program shall include appropriate controls and
3 reporting capabilities as required by the United States Department
4 of Health, Education and Welfare, and the department shall make those
5 necessary reports as required by that federal agency or as requested
6 by the legislature.

7 Sec. 47.07.060. RECEIPT OF FEDERAL MONEY. The Department of
8 Administration shall accept and receive all grants of money awarded to
9 the state under title XIX of the Social Security Act. All money re-
10 ceived shall be deposited by the Department of Administration in a
11 special account of the general fund and shall be used by the state ex-
12 clusively for medical assistance and the administration of medical
13 assistance under the provisions of this chapter. This money shall be
14 paid from the account on a certified disbursement voucher from the
15 department.

16 Sec. 47.07.070. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST SETTLED PROVIDERS. If
17 permitted as allowable costs under the medicaid provisions of title
18 XIX of the Social Security Act in accordance with existing federal
19 law or regulation, reimbursement to "cost settled" providers of services
20 shall be on the basis of fair rates for the reasonable cost of services
21 rendered, to include the provision for

22 (1) patient care;

23 (2) charity and credit losses in accordance with the United
24 States Department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations;

25 (3) preservation, improvement and expansion of buildings
26 and equipment;

27 (4) debt services for amortization of principal and interest
28 payments.

29 Sec. 47.07.080. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

1 (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social
2 Services;

3 (2) "cost settled" providers are those providers who will
4 be reimbursed on the basis of reasonable cost as provided for in federal
5 laws and regulations.

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