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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 542 am H

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH 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 47.07.020(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (6) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility whose
11 income while in the facility does not exceed 300 per cent of the supple-
12 mental security income benefit rate under title XVI of the Social
13 Security Act but who would not be eligible for an optional state sup-
14 plementary payment if they left the hospital or other facility.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services
17 to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient
18 hospital, laboratory and X-ray, inpatient psychiatric hospital for
19 persons age 65 or older and persons under age 21, skilled and inter-
20 mediate nursing home, physician, home health care services, early
21 periodic screening diagnosis and treatment of persons under 21 years of
22 age, clinic services, treatment of speech, hearing and language dis-
23 orders, and reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical
24 care. No additional services may be provided unless approved by the
25 legislature.

26 * Sec. 3. AS 47.07.080 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

27 (3) "clinic services" means services which are restricted
28 to state-approved outpatient community mental health services which
29 receive grants under AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620 and state-operated mental

1 health clinics.

2 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25.250 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 47.25.250. TEMPORARY RELIEF. When a needy person is not en-
4 titled to assistance under secs. 120 - 300 of this chapter and has no
5 relatives in the state liable for his support under secs. 230 and 240
6 of this chapter, the needy person may receive temporary assistance in
7 the form and amount which the department considers necessary. Temporary
8 assistance for needs other than transportation and medical care may not
9 exceed \$80 per person per [A] month.

10 * Sec. 5. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 47.25.255. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS. Notwithstanding the pro-
12 visions of secs. 230 and 240 of this chapter, the department shall re-
13 imburse providers of medical care for costs incurred in the treatment
14 of persons suffering catastrophic illness. The determination of allow-
15 able costs and levels of reimbursement shall be made by the Catastrophic
16 Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review officer from the
17 Department of Health and Social Services, a member appointed by the
18 governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness, and a representative
19 of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development appointed by the
20 governor.

21 * Sec. 6. Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance
22 with AS 01.10.070(c).

23 * Sec. 7. Sections 2,3,4 and 5 of this Act take effect July 1, 1976.
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