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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to catastrophic illness; and providing
7 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 08. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS ASSISTANCE.

11 Sec. 47.08.010. REIMBURSEMENT OF PROVIDERS. According to the
12 provisions of this chapter, the Department of Health and Social Services
13 shall reimburse providers of medical care for unpaid costs incurred in
14 the treatment of a person suffering an illness or accident which results
15 in financial catastrophe to the person or his family.

16 Sec. 47.08.020. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS COMMITTEE. There is created
17 the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review of-
18 ficer from the Department of Health and Social Services, a member ap-
19 pointed by the governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness, and a
20 representative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
21 appointed by the governor.

22 Sec. 47.08.030. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEE. The Catastrophic
23 Illness Committee shall determine eligibility, allowable costs and
24 levels of reimbursement. It shall make reasonable classifications of
25 persons according to the size of family, family income and assets, and
26 health care coverage from all other sources. Other sources include,
27 but are not limited to, state and federal medical assistance programs,
28 private health insurance, employment-related health insurance, military
29 health insurance, workmen's compensation, violent crimes compensation,

1 and Indian Health Service. In order not to exceed the budget appro-
2 priated by the legislature, the committee shall establish priorities for
3 those eligible for assistance under this chapter.

4 Sec. 47.08.035. NOTICE. The Catastrophic Illness Committee shall
5 seek the assistance of medical providers to assure that the public is
6 aware of the catastrophic illness assistance program.

7 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.255 is repealed.

8 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
9 070(c).