

Original sponsors: Buchholdt, Beirne,
Bradley, et al

Offered: 5/21/77
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409 (Finance)

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. 47.08.015. REIMBURSEMENT OF APPLICANTS. Subject to the pro-
17 visions of sec. 30 of this chapter, the committee may, in its discretion,
18 reimburse a person who has suffered a catastrophic illness for certain
19 medical bills already paid when the person or his family has sold a home
20 or the assets of a trade or business in order to pay these bills. The
21 burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the funds derived from
22 the sale of the home or assets were used to pay medical bills resulting
23 from a catastrophic illness.

24 Sec. 47.08.020. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS COMMITTEE. There is created
25 the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review of-
26 ficer from the Department of Health and Social Services, a member ap-
27 pointed by the governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness, and a
28 representative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
29 appointed by the governor.

1 Sec. 47.08.030. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEE. The Catastrophic
2 Illness Committee shall determine eligibility, allowable costs and
3 levels of reimbursement. It shall make reasonable classifications of
4 persons according to the size of family, family income and assets, and
5 health care coverage from all other sources. Other sources include, but
6 are not limited to, state and federal medical assistance programs,
7 private health insurance, employment-related health insurance, military
8 health insurance, workmen's compensation, violent crimes compensation,
9 and Indian Health Service. In order not to exceed the budget appro-
10 priated by the legislature, the committee shall establish priorities for
11 those eligible for assistance under this chapter. The committee may not
12 make reimbursement for costs incurred before July 1, 1976.

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

16 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.255 is repealed.

17 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
18 070(c).