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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 536

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 state shared revenues for the
7 support of health services in rural areas; and pro-
8 viding for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 43.18.010 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

11 (1) During each fiscal year the state shall pay \$12.50 per capita
12 to each of the following which sponsors or contracts for the services of
13 a physician or dentist in private practice to assist in meeting the
14 medical or dental care and health needs of the residents of the muni-
15 cipality and regional area:

16 (1) The state shall pay

17 (A) a borough

18 (i) if the population of the borough is less than
19 10,000; or

20 (ii) when the population of the borough exceeds
21 10,000, if the population of the largest city within the borough is
22 less than 7,500;

23 (B) a city in the unorganized borough, if the population
24 of the city is not less than 2,000 nor more than 7,500.

25 (2) In addition to the municipalities designated in (1) of
26 this paragraph, the state shall pay an entitlement authorized under this
27 subsection to a group of municipalities and communities in the unor-
28 ganized borough which, by mutual agreement, sponsor or contract for the
29 services of a physician or dentist in private practice to assist in

1 meeting the medical or dental care and health needs of the residents of
2 the municipalities and communities which are parties to the agreement.
3 Payment under this paragraph shall be made by the department to the
4 entity designated in the agreement by the parties to receive and be
5 responsible for funds, including, but not limited to, any municipality
6 which is a party to the agreement on behalf of all parties or a regional
7 organization having responsibility for health concerns. No payment may
8 be made under this paragraph for population for which an entitlement is
9 computed under (1) of this subsection. No payment may be made unless
10 the total population of the municipalities and communities which are
11 party to an agreement exceeds 2,000.

12 (3) An entitlement received by a municipality under (1) of
13 this subsection or by a group of municipalities and communities under
14 (2) of this subsection may be used to match federal or local funds
15 available to improve medical or dental care and health services, and
16 shall be used only for the purchase of the services of a private physi-
17 cian or dentist.

18 (4) In this subsection,

19 (A) "dentist" means a person licensed to practice den-
20 tistry under AS 08.36;

21 (B) "physician" means a person licensed to practice
22 medicine under AS 08.64; the term includes a physician's assistant;

23 (C) "sponsorship" means a written agreement, contract or
24 other arrangement between a municipality or group of municipalities
25 and communities and a physician or dentist to provide the services
26 of a physician or dentist in meeting the medical or dental care
27 and health needs of persons resident within the municipality or
28 area served on a regular or itinerant basis.

29 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.