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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 228 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled. "An Act relating to the provision of health care
7 services; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 08.64.380(3) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to
10 read:

11 (I) discrimination in the provision of medical assist-
12 ance to a resident of Alaska seeking essential non-elective medical
13 care if the sole reason for the denial of treatment relates to the
14 method of payment being any publicly funded medical aid program.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (b) In providing reimbursement to providers of services under (a)
17 of this section, the state shall pay

18 (1) interest on unpaid medicaid bills presented by providers
19 at the rate of one per cent per month when payment is delayed more than
20 30 days after presentation of the billing; and

21 (2) interest on unpaid medicaid bills presented by providers
22 at the rate of two per cent per month when payment is delayed more
23 than 6 months after presentation of the billing.

24 * Sec. 3. The State Medical Board shall

25 (1) not later than December 31, 1979, adopt regulations describing
26 circumstances under which physicians may refuse service to patients or persons
27 seeking care based on the ability to pay for the service or manner of payment
28 of service; and

29 (2) not later than January 31, 1980, provide to the Legislature

1 a report and recommendations examining alternatives to the present system to
2 providing delivery services for the payment of medicaid, including but not
3 limited to, contracting for payment services with a private carrier.

4 * Sec. 4. Essential medical treatment is any care which, in the opinion
5 of the provider, is necessary to prevent loss of life or limb or immediate
6 pain and suffering.

7 * Sec. 5. Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance
8 with AS 01.10.070(c). Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect July 1, 1980.

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