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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 417

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 state shared revenues for the
7 support of medical and dental services in rural areas;
8 and providing 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 a new subsection to read:

11 (m) 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 residents:

15 (1) The state shall pay

16 (A) a borough

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

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

22 (B) a city in the unorganized borough, if the population
23 of the city is not less than 2,000 or more than 7,500.

24 (2) The state shall pay an entitlement authorized under this
25 subsection to a group of municipalities and communities in the unor-
26 ganized borough which, by agreement, contract or arrange for the ser-
27 vices of a physician or dentist in private practice to assist, on a
28 regular or itinerant basis, in meeting the medical or dental care and
29 health needs of the residents of the municipalities and communities

1 which are parties to the agreement. Payment under this paragraph shall
2 be made by the department to the entity designated in the agreement to
3 receive and be responsible for funds on behalf of all parties to the
4 agreement or to a regional organization having responsibility for health
5 concerns. Per capita payment may not be made under this paragraph for
6 population for which an entitlement is computed under (1) of this sub-
7 section. Payment may not be made under this paragraph unless the total
8 population of the municipalities and communities which are party to an
9 agreement exceeds 2,000.

10 (3) An entitlement received by a municipality under (1) of
11 this subsection or by a group of municipalities and communities under
12 (2) of this subsection may be used to match federal or local funds
13 available to improve medical or dental care and health services, and may
14 be used only to provide for the professional services of a private
15 physician or dentist.

16 (4) In this subsection,

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

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

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1979.