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HOUSE BILL NO. 802

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to nurse midwives."

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

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* Section 1. AS 18.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 18.20.055. NURSE MIDWIFE STAFF PRIVILEGES. A hospital may

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not be issued a license unless the hospital permits nurse practitioners,

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certified as nurse midwives in accordance with regulations adopted under

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AS 08.68.410(5), to practice as nurse midwives in the hospital.

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* Sec. 2. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 21.42.347. REQUIRED PROVISION FOR COVERAGE OF COST OF SERVICES

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PROVIDED BY NURSE MIDWIVES. All individual and group health insurance

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policies providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis, and all indi-

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vidual and group service or indemnity contracts issued by a nonprofit

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corporation, shall provide that the health insurance benefits applicable

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to maternity shall be payable for maternity services furnished by ad-

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vanced nurse practitioners certified to practice as nurse midwives in

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accordance with regulations adopted under AS 08.68.410(5).

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* Sec. 3. AS 21.51 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 21.51.335. SERVICES PROVIDED BY NURSE MIDWIVES. A policy of

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disability insurance providing indemnity for hospital, nursing, medi-

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cal, or surgical services may not be issued or delivered in the state

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unless indemnity is provided in a reasonable amount for the cost of

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maternity services furnished to covered persons by advanced nurse prac-

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titioners certified to practice as nurse midwives in accordance with

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regulations adopted under AS 08.68.410(5).

1 * Sec. 4. AS 21.54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 Sec. 21.54.080. SERVICES PROVIDED BY NURSE MIDWIVES. A policy of
3 blanket or group disability insurance providing indemnity for hospital,
4 nursing, medical, or surgical services may not be issued or delivered in
5 the state unless indemnity is provided in a reasonable amount for the
6 cost of maternity services furnished to covered persons by advanced
7 nurse practitioners certified to practice as nurse midwives in accor-
8 dance with regulations adopted under AS 08.68.410(5).

9 * Sec. 5. AS 21.84 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 21.84.285. SERVICES PROVIDED BY NURSE MIDWIVES. A society
11 may not deliver or issue for delivery in the state a certificate or
12 other evidence of a contract of health insurance unless the benefits
13 provided include indemnity in a reasonable amount for the cost of matern-
14 ity services furnished to members and their families by advanced nurse
15 practitioners certified to practice as nurse midwives in accordance with
16 regulations adopted under AS 08.68.410(5).

17 * Sec. 6. AS 21.87 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 21.87.125. SERVICES WHICH MUST BE PROVIDED BY SERVICE COR-
19 PORATIONS. A medical service corporation, hospital service corporation,
20 or combined medical and hospital service corporation

21 (1) furnishing services under AS 21.87.120(a)(1) must also
22 provide for its subscribers maternity services furnished by participant
23 nurse midwives;

24 (2) providing indemnity under AS 21.87.120(a)(2) must also
25 provide to its subscribers indemnity for the cost of maternity services
26 furnished to subscribers by nonparticipant nurse midwives, subject to
27 AS 21.87.070(4);

28 (3) providing indemnity under AS 21.87.120(a)(3) must also
29 provide to its subscribers indemnity for hospital services furnished to

1 the subscriber while under the care and treatment of a certified partici-
2 pant nurse midwife or under the care and treatment of another nurse
3 midwife upon referral of a participant nurse midwife.

4 * Sec. 7. AS 21.87.330(8) is amended to read:

5 (8) "participant physician" means a doctor, dentist, osteo-
6 path, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, or other licensed health
7 care practitioner who has entered into a service agreement with a ser-
8 vice corporation; and

9 * Sec. 8. AS 21.87.330 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (10) "nurse midwife" means a registered professional nurse who
11 is certified as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.410(9) and
12 authorized to practice as a nurse midwife under regulations adopted in
13 accordance with AS 08.68.410(5).

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