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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 802

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to health care services and the cover-  
7 age of the services of nurse midwives under the insur-  
8 ance laws of the state and clarifying the definition of  
9 physician under AS 21.87."

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

11 \* Section 1. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 21.42.347. COVERAGE FOR COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY NURSE  
13 MIDWIVES. All individual and group health insurance policies providing  
14 coverage on an expense-incurred basis, and all individual and group  
15 service or indemnity contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation, shall  
16 provide that the health insurance benefits applicable to maternity shall  
17 be payable for maternity services furnished by advanced nurse practi-  
18 tioners certified to practice as nurse midwives in accordance with  
19 regulations adopted under AS 08.68.410(5).

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 21.84.590(6) is amended to read:

21 (6) AS 21.42.290 and AS 21.42.347

22 \* Sec. 3. AS 21.87.330(8) is amended to read:

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

27 \* Sec. 4. AS 21.87.330(9) is amended to read:

28 (9) "physician" means a doctor, dentist, osteopath, chiro-  
29 practor, nurse midwife, surgeon, or other licensed health care practi-

1     tioner [INCLUDES ALSO "SURGEON"].

2     \* Sec. 5. AS 21.87.330 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

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

7     \* Sec. 6. AS 21.87.340(15) is amended to read:

8             (15) AS 21.42.345 and AS 21.42.347

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