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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 802 am

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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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:

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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).

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

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(6) AS 21.42.290 and AS 21.42.347

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

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(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

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

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(9) "physician" means a doctor, dentist, osteopath, chiro-

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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

9 * Sec. 7. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services
11 to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, out-
12 patient hospital, rural health clinic, outpatient surgical care centers,
13 laboratory and X-ray, refractions and eye examinations by ophthalmol-
14 ogists or optometrists, eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in
15 diseases of the eye or by an optometrist, inpatient psychiatric
16 hospital for persons age 65 or older and persons under age 21, skilled
17 and intermediate nursing home, physician, nurse midwife, home health
18 care services, early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment of
19 persons under 21 years of age, clinic services, treatment of speech,
20 hearing and language disorders, and reasonable transportation to and
21 from the point of medical care. No additional services may be provided
22 unless approved by the legislature.

23 * Sec. 8. AS 47.07.080 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

24 (5) "nurse midwife" means a registreed professional nurse
25 who is certified as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.410(9)
26 and authorized to practice as a nurse midwife under regulations adopted
27 in accordance with AS 08.68.410(5).
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