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Social Services

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ROGERS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to health care services and the
7 coverage of the services of nurse midwives under the
8 insurance laws of the state and clarifying the defini-
9 tion of 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
17 shall be payable for maternity services furnished by advanced nurse
18 practitioners certified to practice as nurse midwives in accordance
19 with 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
25 health care practitioner who has entered into a service agreement with
26 a service 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
4 who is certified as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.-
5 410(9) and authorized to practice as a nurse midwife under regulations
6 adopted in 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 ser-
11 vices to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital,
12 outpatient hospital, rural health clinic, outpatient surgical care
13 centers, laboratory and X-ray, refractions and eye examinations by
14 ophthalmologists or optometrists, eyeglasses prescribed by a physician
15 skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist, inpatient psychia-
16 tric hospital for persons age 65 or older and persons under age 21,
17 skilled and intermediate nursing home, physician, nurse midwife, home
18 health care services, early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment
19 of 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 registered professional nurse
25 who is certified as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.-
26 410(9) and authorized to practice as a nurse midwife under regulations
27 adopted in accordance with AS 08.68.410(5).