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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (HESS)

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 payment of the costs of services
7 for pregnant women; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds
11 that there are insufficient maternal and infant care services available to
12 women experiencing social, economic, and medical difficulties associated
13 with childbearing. As a result of these inadequate services, some children
14 may develop health conditions that require state-supported services through-
15 out their lives. In order to promote healthier generations of Alaskans, the
16 legislature wishes to invest in the state's future by providing prenatal
17 care and social services to pregnant women.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
19 (8) pregnant women if the pregnancy is medically confirmed.

20 * Sec. 3. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

21 CHAPTER 42. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.

22 Sec. 47.42.010. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. The
23 Department of Health and Social Services shall pay the cost of prenatal
24 services other than medical services for a pregnant woman, including
25 the costs of transportation to and from a maternity home or a foster
26 home, counseling, adoption assistance, maternity home and foster home
27 care, and postnatal care.

28 Sec. 47.42.020. LICENSING AND SUPERVISION. (a) A person provid-
29 ing services purchased by the Department of Health and Social Services

1 under this chapter shall be licensed and supervised in the same manner
2 as foster homes, boarding homes, maternity homes, and other agencies
3 and institutions under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.100.

4 (b) Nothing in this section requires the licensing of transporta-
5 tion services provided to a pregnant woman under this chapter.

6 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
7 070(c).