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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR 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 medical and social services; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

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

17 (b) The legislature further finds that the abrupt termination of  
18 federal contract health services to Alaskans who are dependent on merchant  
19 seamen's health entitlement contract services has left many Alaskans without  
20 adequate health insurance through no fault of their own.

21 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

22 (8) women who are medically confirmed to be pregnant.

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

24 CHAPTER 42. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.

25 Sec. 47.42.010. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. The  
26 Department of Health and Social Services shall pay the cost of prenatal  
27 services other than medical services for a pregnant woman experiencing  
28 social and economic difficulties, including transportation to and from a  
29 maternity home or a foster home, counseling, adoption assistance, mater-

nity home and foster home care, postnatal care, and parenting skills.

Sec. 47.42.020. LICENSING AND SUPERVISION. (a) A person providing services purchased by the Department of Health and Social Services under this chapter shall be licensed and supervised in the same manner as foster homes, boarding homes, maternity homes, and other agencies and institutions under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.100.

(b) Nothing in this section requires the licensing of midwife and transportation services provided to a pregnant woman under this chapter.

\* Sec. 4. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

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

\* Sec. 5. AS 47.07.080(4) is amended to read:

(4) "clinic services" means services which are restricted to state-approved outpatient community mental health services which receive grants under AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620, birth centers, and state-operated mental health clinics.

\* Sec. 6. AS 47.07.080 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) "nurse midwife" means a registered professional nurse

1 who is certified as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.410(a)  
2 and authorized to practice as a nurse midwife under regulations adopted  
3 in accordance with AS 06.68.410(5).

4 \* Sec. 7. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR CERTAIN SEAMEN. The Department of  
5 Health and Social Services may pay medical costs incurred by a person who  
6 was entitled to contract care from the United States Public Health Service  
7 under 42 U.S.C. sec. 249(e) and who, because of a medical condition existing  
8 before the termination of contract care on May 8, 1981, is unable to secure  
9 health insurance coverage for that condition. Payment under this section is  
10 limited to services associated with the medical condition that are not  
11 reasonably available from a Public Health Service facility and for which  
12 payment is not available from a source other than the applicant. Payment  
13 shall be made on applications submitted to the Department of Health and  
14 Social Services on or before June 30, 1982, under procedures established  
15 under AS 47.08, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000.

16 \* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
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