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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GARDINER

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 611

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 catastrophic illness assistance;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.08.010 is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 Sec. 47.08.010. REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS.

11 (a) A provider of medical care shall be reimbursed under the provisions
12 of this chapter for unpaid costs incurred in the treatment of a person
13 suffering a catastrophic illness.

14 (b) A person suffering a catastrophic illness or the parent,
15 spouse or legal guardian of that person, who pays costs incurred in the
16 treatment of a catastrophic illness shall be reimbursed under the
17 provisions of this chapter.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 47.08.070 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 47.08.070. STANDARDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT [TO PROVIDERS]. (a)
20 The amount that the committee reimburses providers for medical services
21 rendered to a person who has suffered catastrophic illness may not be
22 greater than 100 percent of the total unpaid bills related to the
23 catastrophic illness and shall be determined by the following standards:

24 (1) Only unpaid medical expenses for periods not to exceed
25 12 months, and related to catastrophic illness, may be considered. The
26 initial 12-month period begins with the date of the first charges
27 incurred because of the illness.

28 (2) The committee may not reimburse a provider if the appli-
29 cant's total medical expenses related to the catastrophic illness

1 are less than \$1,000 in any period not exceeding 12 months described in
2 (1) of this section after all sources of third-party payment have been
3 exhausted by the applicant or by someone acting on behalf of the appli-
4 cant.

5 (3) The committee may not reimburse a provider for the
6 applicant's share of the total medical expenses; moreover, a reimburse-
7 ment to the provider shall be conditioned on the provider's agreement
8 that the provider enter into a payment schedule with the applicant
9 which will result in full liquidation of the applicant's share. Payment
10 schedules may not be for a term of less than three years.

11 (b) The amount that the committee reimburses a person who has
12 suffered a catastrophic illness or reimburses the parent, spouse, or
13 legal guardian of that person, for costs of treatment of the catas-
14 trophic illness paid by the person, his parent, spouse or legal guard-
15 ian, shall be determined in accordance with the standards applicable to
16 unpaid costs set out in (a) of this section. Reimbursement under this
17 subsection may not include the portion of the cost of the catastrophic
18 illness determined to be the applicant's share under AS 47.08.060.

19 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
20 070(c).