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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 417

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 insurance for residents of
7 the state; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 23. STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

11 Sec. 18.23.010. STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. (a) The commis-
12 sioner of administration shall establish a state health insurance
13 program for residents of the state.

14 (b) The commissioner shall establish by regulation minimum bene-
15 fits for the state health insurance program. The program shall include
16 hospital and medical expense benefits but may not include

17 (1) dental care; or

18 (2) eye glasses or hearing aids or their prescription or
19 fitting.

20 (c) The commissioner shall pay the premiums of a resident of the
21 state enrolled in the state health insurance program for that program
22 if the resident is not enrolled in a group health insurance plan.

23 (d) The annual deductibles under the state health insurance
24 program may not exceed \$100 for each enrolled resident or \$300 for each
25 enrolled family. The copayment amount for each enrolled resident may
26 not exceed 20 percent of the expenses covered under the program estab-
27 lished by the commission under (a) of this section. If the cost to an
28 enrolled resident for the deductible and copayment exceeds \$2,500
29 during a calendar year, the state health insurance program may not

1 require further copayments for the remainder of the calendar year. If
2 the cost to an enrolled resident for the deductible and copayment
3 reaches \$2,500 during the last three months of a calendar year, the
4 state health insurance program may not require copayments for the next
5 calendar year.

6 (f) The commissioner shall provide for the underwriting and
7 administration of the state health insurance program. A contract
8 entered into under this subsection shall be for a three-year period. A
9 contract entered into under this subsection for the administration of
10 the state health insurance program shall require that all benefit
11 payments be processed in an office located in the state.

12 Sec. 18.23.020. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

13 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of administration;

14 (2) "copayment" means the portion of covered expenses pay-
15 able by an enrolled resident after the annual deductible has been met;

16 (3) "group health insurance plan"

17 (A) means

18 (i) a group disability insurance policy, group
19 certificate, or group subscriber contract issued in this
20 state under AS 21.54, AS 21.84, or AS 21.87;

21 (ii) an employee benefit plan in this state which
22 provides benefits for hospital and medical expenses on an
23 expense-incurred basis under the Employee Retirement Income
24 Security Act of 1974, as amended;

25 (B) does not include a group disability insurance
26 policy, group certificate, or group subscriber contract designed
27 to supplement the benefits provided by the state health insurance
28 program.

29 * Sec. 2. AS 21.54.060 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

1 (7) under a policy issued to the state to insure residents
2 of the state under AS 18.23.

3 * Sec. 3. On the enactment of this Act the commissioner of administration
4 shall immediately undertake the adoption of regulations and the preparation
5 of contracts so that coverage and benefits under AS 18.23 as enacted in
6 sec. 1 of this Act may begin on July 1, 1982.

7 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
8 070(c).

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