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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 817

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical assistance for needy per-
7 sons; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

10 (8) persons under 21 years of age who would be eligible for
11 benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children
12 program, but who do not qualify because they are not dependent children;

13 (9) persons who would be eligible for benefits under the
14 federal aid to families with dependent children program if coverage
15 under the program were as broad as coverage allowed under Part A of
16 Title IV of the Social Security Act.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.020 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

18 (e) In addition to the persons specified in (a) of this section,
19 the following classes of medically needy persons for whom the state may
20 claim federal financial participation are eligible for medical assis-
21 tance:

22 (1) pregnant persons;

23 (2) persons included in (b)(3), (5), (7), and (8) of this
24 section;

25 (3) caretaker relatives;

26 (4) persons 65 years of age or older;

27 (5) blind persons; and

28 (6) permanently and totally disabled persons.

29 (f) In (e) of this section

1 (1) "blind person" means a person who has no vision or whose
2 vision is so defective as to prevent the performance of ordinary activi-
3 ties for which eyesight is essential;

4 (2) "caretaker relative" means a person who meets the defini-
5 tion of caretaker relative under 45 C.F.R. 233.90(c)(1)(v)(A);

6 (3) "medically needy persons" means persons who meet the
7 definition of "medically needy" under 42 C.F.R. 435.4;

8 (4) "permanently and totally disabled persons" means persons
9 defined in AS 47.25.960(3).

10 * Sec. 3. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. (a) Medical
12 services to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital,
13 outpatient hospital, rural health clinic, outpatient surgical care
14 centers, laboratory and X-ray, refractions and eye examinations by
15 ophthalmologists or optometrists, eyeglasses prescribed by a physician
16 skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist, inpatient psychia-
17 tric hospital for persons age 65 or older and persons under age 21,
18 skilled and intermediate nursing home, physician, nurse midwife, home
19 health care services, early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment
20 of persons under 21 years of age, clinic services, treatment of speech,
21 hearing and language disorders, physical therapy, occupational therapy,
22 prescribed drugs, prosthetic devices and medical supplies, long-term
23 care noninstitutional services, and reasonable transportation to and
24 from the point of medical care. No additional services may be provided
25 unless approved by the legislature.

26 * Sec. 4. AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

27 (b) "Clinic services" means services provided by state-approved
28 outpatient community mental health clinics that receive grants under
29 AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620, state-operated community mental health clinics,

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and physician clinics.

* Sec. 5. AS 47.07.080(4) is repealed.

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