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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 817 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical assistance for needy persons; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

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(8) persons under 21 years of age who would be eligible for

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benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children

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program, but who do not qualify because they are not dependent children;

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(9) women who are pregnant.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

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Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services

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to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient

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hospital, rural health clinic, outpatient surgical care centers, labora-

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tory and X-ray, refractions and eye examinations by ophthalmologists or

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optometrists, eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases

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of the eye or by an optometrist, inpatient psychiatric hospital for

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persons age 65 or older and persons under age 21, skilled and intermedi-

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ate nursing home, physician, nurse midwife, home health care services,

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early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment of persons under 21

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years of age, clinic services, treatment of speech, hearing and language

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disorders, physical therapy, occupational therapy, prescribed drugs,

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prosthetic devices and medical supplies, long-term care noninstitutional

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services, and reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical

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care. No additional services may be provided unless approved by the

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legislature.

1 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF SERVICES. If the funding in a fiscal  
3 year is inadequate to finance the total medical assistance program under  
4 AS 47.07, the department shall, to the extent that federal law and  
5 funding permits, provide medical assistance in the following order:

6 (1) aged, blind or disabled persons who

7 (A) do not receive supplemental security income under  
8 Title XVI of the Social Security Act because they do not meet  
9 income and resources requirements; and

10 (B) are eligible to receive an optional state supple-  
11 mentary payment;

12 (2) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility

13 (A) whose income while in the facility does not exceed  
14 300 percent of the supplemental security income benefit rate under  
15 Title XVI of the Social Security Act; and

16 (B) who would not be eligible for an optional state  
17 supplementary payment if they left the facility;

18 (3) persons under 21 years of age

19 (A) who are under the supervision of the department;

20 (B) whose maintenance is paid in whole or in part from  
21 public funds; and

22 (C) who are in foster homes or private child-care insti-  
23 tutions;

24 (4) persons under 21 years of age who

25 (A) receive treatment in a psychiatric hospital; and

26 (B) are financially eligible as determined by the stan-  
27 dards of Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act;

28 (5) persons under 21 years of age who are

29 (A) in an institution designated by the department as an

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intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded; and

(B) financially eligible as determined by the standards of the federal aid to families with dependent children program;

(6) women who are pregnant;

(7) persons under 21 years of age who do not qualify for benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children program because they are not dependent children;

(8) intermediate nursing home services;

(9) prescribed drugs;

(10) eye examinations by an ophthalmologist or optometrist; or eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in the diseases of the eye or by an optometrist;

(11) treatment of speech, hearing, or language disorders;

(12) physical or occupational therapy;

(13) care at an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded;

(14) care at an inpatient psychiatric facility;

(15) community mental health clinic services;

(16) surgical care center services;

(17) nurse midwife services;

(18) medical supplies and equipment.

\* Sec. 4. AS 47.07.080(4) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(4) "clinic services" means services provided by state-approved outpatient community mental health clinics that receive grants under AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620, state-operated community mental health clinics, and physician clinics.

\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).