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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 817 (Finance)

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 pro-  
12 gram, but who do not qualify because they are not dependent children;

13 (9) women who are pregnant.

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

15 Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services  
16 to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient  
17 hospital, rural health clinic, outpatient surgical care centers, labora-  
18 tory and X-ray, refractions and eye examinations by ophthalmologists or  
19 optometrists, eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases  
20 of the eye or by an optometrist, inpatient psychiatric hospital for per-  
21 sons age 65 or older and persons under age 21, skilled and intermediate  
22 nursing home, physician, nurse midwife, home health care services, early  
23 periodic screening diagnosis and treatment of persons under 21 years of  
24 age, clinic services, treatment of speech, hearing and language disor-  
25 ders, physical therapy, occupational therapy, prosthetic devices and  
26 medical supplies, long-term care noninstitutional services, and reason-  
27 able transportation to and from the point of medical care. No addition-  
28 al services may be provided unless approved by the legislature.

29 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
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1           Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF SERVICES. If the funding in a fiscal  
2 year is inadequate to finance the total medical assistance program under  
3 AS 47.07, the department shall, to the extent that federal law and fund-  
4 ing permits, provide medical assistance in the following order:

5           (1) aged, blind, or disable persons who

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

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

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

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

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

17           (3) persons under 21 years of age

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

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

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

23           (4) persons under 21 years of age who

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

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

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

28                   (A) in an institution designated by the department as an  
29 intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded; and

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

3 (6) women who are pregnant;

4 (7) persons under 21 years of age who do not qualify for  
5 benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children pro-  
6 gram because they are not dependent children;

7 (8) intermediate nursing home services;

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

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

12 (11) physical or occupational therapy;

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

15 (13) care at an inpatient psychiatric facility;

16 (14) community mental health clinic services;

17 (15) surgical care center services;

18 (16) nurse midwife services;

19 (17) medical supplies and equipment;

20 (18) long-term care noninstitutional services.

21 \* Sec. 4. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 Sec. 47.05.015. CONTRACTS. (A) Unless otherwise provided by law,  
23 the department may contract with a person or local government for the  
24 delivery of services to be provided by the department under AS 44.29.-  
25 020 and AS 47.05.010.

26 (b) Services that may be provided by contract under this section  
27 include accepting applications for assistance, conducting interviews,  
28 making eligibility determinations, and issuing benefits, but do not  
29 include adoption of program standards or other matters involving the

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exercise of agency discretion.

(c) A contract authorized under this section is exempt from the competitive bid requirements of AS 37.05.230. In awarding a contract under this section the department shall publish a request for proposals in accordance with regulations of the department.

\* Sec. 5. 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. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10-070(c).