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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 510 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to provision of services under the
7 medical assistance program."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

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

26 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.035 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF SERVICES. If the funding in a
28 fiscal year is inadequate to finance the total medical assistance
29 program under this chapter, the department shall, to the extent that

1 federal law and funding permits, provide medical assistance in the
2 following order:

3 (1) aged, blind, or disabled persons who

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

7 (B) are eligible to receive an optional state supple-
8 mentary payment;

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

10 (A) whose income while in the facility does not exceed
11 300 percent of the supplemental security income benefit rate
12 under Title XVI of the Social Security Act; and

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

15 (3) persons under 21 years of age

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

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

19 (C) who are in foster homes or private child-care
20 institutions;

21 (4) persons under 21 years of age who

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

23 (B) are financially eligible as determined by the
24 standards of Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act;

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

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

28 (B) financially eligible as determined by the stan-
29 dards of the federal aid to families with dependent children

- 1 program;
- 2 (6) women who are pregnant;
- 3 (7) persons under 21 years of age who do not qualify for
- 4 benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children
- 5 program because they are not dependent children;
- 6 (8) intermediate nursing home services;
- 7 (9) eye examinations by an ophthalmologist or optometrist;
- 8 or eyeglasses prescribed by a physicianskilled in the diseases of the
- 9 eye or by an optometrist;
- 10 (10) treatment of speech, hearing, or language disorders;
- 11 (11) physical or occupational therapy;
- 12 (12) care at an intermediate care facility for the mentally
- 13 retarded;
- 14 (13) care at an inpatient psychiatric facility;
- 15 (14) community mental health clinic services;
- 16 (15) surgical care center services;
- 17 (16) nurse midwife services;
- 18 (17) medical supplies and equipment;
- 19 (18) long-term care noninstitutional services;
- 20 (19) comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility ser-
- 21 vices;
- 22 (20) chiropractic services.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

- 24 (7) "chiropractic services" means X-rays and manual manipu-
- 25 lation of subluxation of the spine;
- 26 (8) "comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility
- 27 services" has the meaning given in 42 U.S.C. 1395x and in federal
- 28 regulations adopted to implement that section.