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HOUSE BILL NO. 691

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical care for newly born
7 children."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.08.050 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.08.050. SERVICES EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE. Annually, the
11 committee shall determine in light of appropriated funds and expected
12 need the medical expenses reimbursable under this chapter, except that
13 the following are not reimbursable:

14 (1) dentistry and optometry unless prescribed by a licensed
15 dentist or physician as medically necessary as the result of the
16 injury or illness;

17 (2) elective medical or surgical procedures;

18 (3) drugs and medications not prescribed by a licensed
19 physician;

20 (4) services received as a result of a pregnancy or birth
21 without unusual complications;

22 (5) private psychological or psychiatric treatment or
23 private alcoholism treatment, unless not available from public
24 agencies or programs;

25 (6) chiropractic services;

26 (7) services not of a medical nature;

27 (8) medical services currently provided to persons in the
28 custody of the Department of Corrections;

29 (9) costs incurred before July 1976;

1 (10) services rendered to a child during birth and during
2 the first 30 days after the child's birth.

3 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 ARTICLE 4A. NEWLY BORN CHILDREN'S FUND.

5 Sec. 47.25.782. NEWLY BORN CHILDREN'S FUND. (a) There is
6 established in the department the newly born children's fund, to be
7 administered by the commissioner of health and social services.

8 (b) The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance
9 to persons responsible for the payment of extraordinary medical care
10 provided to a child during birth or during the first 30 days after the
11 child's birth.

12 (c) The fund consists of money appropriated to it by the legis-
13 lature.

14 Sec. 47.25.784. REGULATIONS. The commissioner of health and
15 social services shall adopt regulations establishing qualifications
16 and procedures for applying for and granting financial assistance from
17 the fund. The commissioner may adopt other regulations necessary or
18 convenient for administering the fund.

19 Sec. 47.25.786. DEFINITIONS. In AS 47.25.782 - 47.25.786

20 (1) "extraordinary medical care" means necessary medical
21 care resulting in \$1,000 or more in out-of-pocket medical expenses;

22 (2) "fund" means the newly born children's fund.