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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 342 (Finance)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medicaid eligibility for needy
children and pregnant women; and reordering the
priorities for eliminating coverage under medicaid."

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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 to read:

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(b) In addition to the persons specified in (a) of this section,

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the following optional groups of persons for whom the state may claim
federal financial participation are eligible for medical assistance:

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(1) persons eligible for but not receiving assistance under

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any plan of the state approved under 42 U.S.C. 601 - 615 (Title IV-A,

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Social Security Act, Aid to Families with Dependent Children) or 42

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U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act, Supplemental

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Security Income);

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(2) persons in a general hospital, skilled nursing facility

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or intermediate care facility, who, if they left the facility, would

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be eligible for assistance under one of the federal programs specified

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in (1) of this subsection;

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(3) persons under age 21 who are under supervision of the

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department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part

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from public funds, and who are in foster homes or private child-care

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institutions;

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(4) aged, blind, or disabled persons, who, because they do

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not meet income and resources requirements, do not receive supple-

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mental security income under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social

1 Security Act), and who do not receive a mandatory state supplement,
2 but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a
3 skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to receive an
4 optional state supplementary payment;

5 (5) persons under age 21 who are in an institution desig-
6 nated as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded and
7 who are financially eligible as determined by the standards of the
8 federal aid to families with dependent children program;

9 (6) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility
10 whose income while in the facility does not exceed 300 percent of the
11 supplemental security income benefit rate under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c
12 (Title XVI, Social Security Act) but who would not be eligible for an
13 optional state supplementary payment if they left the hospital or
14 other facility;

15 (7) persons under age 21 who are receiving active treatment
16 in a psychiatric hospital and who are financially eligible as deter-
17 mined by the standards of 42 U.S.C. 601 - 615 (Title IV-A, Social
18 Security Act, Aid to Families with Dependent Children);

19 (8) persons under age 21 and not covered under (a) of this
20 section, who would be eligible for benefits under the federal aid to
21 families with dependent children program, except that they have the
22 care and support of both their natural and adoptive parents;

23 (9) pregnant women not covered under (a) of this section
24 and who meet the income and resource requirements of the federal aid
25 to families with dependent children program;

26 (10) pregnant women, and children five years of age or
27 younger, with a household income that does not exceed 100 percent of
28 the federal poverty level.

29 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.030(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) In addition to the mandatory services specified in (a) of
2 this section, the department may offer only the following optional
3 services: case management and nutrition services for pregnant women;
4 personal care services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital
5 services; long-term care noninstitutional services; medical supplies
6 and equipment; clinic services; inpatient psychiatric facility ser-
7 vices for individuals age 65 or older and individuals under age 21;
8 physical therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services; treat-
9 ment of speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental ser-
10 vices; prosthetic devices and eyeglasses; optometrists' services;
11 intermediate care facility services, including intermediate care
12 facility services for the mentally retarded; skilled nursing facility
13 services for individuals under age 21; and reasonable transportation
14 to and from the point of medical care.

15 * Sec. 3. AS 47.07.035 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. If the depart-
17 ment finds that the cost of medical assistance for all persons eligi-
18 ble under this chapter will exceed the amount allocated in the state
19 budget for that assistance for the fiscal year, the department shall
20 eliminate coverage for optional medical services and optionally eligi-
21 ble groups of individuals in the following order:

- 22 (1) chiropractic services;
- 23 (2) adult dental services;
- 24 (3) emergency hospital services;
- 25 (4) treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders;
- 26 (5) optometrists' services and eyeglasses;
- 27 (6) occupational therapy;
- 28 (7) prosthetic devices;
- 29 (8) medical supplies and equipment;

- 1 (9) clinic services;
- 2 (10) physical therapy;
- 3 (11) personal care services in a recipient's home;
- 4 (12) long-term care noninstitutional services;
- 5 (13) inpatient psychiatric facility services;
- 6 (14) intermediate care facility services for the mentally
7 retarded;
- 8 (15) intermediate care facility services;
- 9 (16) pregnant women, and children five years of age or
10 younger, with a household income that does not exceed 100 percent of
11 the federal poverty level;
- 12 (17) individuals under age 21 who are not eligible for
13 benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children
14 program because they are not deprived of one or more of their natural
15 or adoptive parents;
- 16 (18) [(17)] skilled nursing facility services for persons
17 under age 21;
- 18 (19) [(18)] aged, blind, and disabled individuals who,
19 because they do not meet the income requirements, do not receive
20 supplemental security income under Title XVI of the Social Security
21 Act, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a
22 skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, to receive an
23 optional state supplementary payment;
- 24 (20) [(19)] individuals in a hospital, skilled nursing
25 facility, or intermediate care facility whose income while in the
26 facility does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental security
27 income benefit rate under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, but
28 who, because of income, are not eligible for the optional state sup-
29 plementary payment;

1 (21) [(20)] individuals under age 21 under supervision of
2 the department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part
3 from public money and who are in foster homes or private child-care
4 institutions.