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SENATE BILL NO. 255
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
A BILL

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

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.07.030(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) In addition to the mandatory services specified in (a) of
12 this section, the department may offer only the following optional
13 services: personal care services in a recipient's home; emergency
14 hospital services; long-term care noninstitutional services; medical
15 supplies and equipment; clinic services; inpatient psychiatric facili-
16 ty services for individuals age 65 or older and individuals under age
17 21; physical therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services;
18 treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental
19 services; prosthetic devices and eyeglasses; optometrists' services;
20 intermediate care facility services, including intermediate care
21 facility services for the mentally retarded; skilled nursing facility
22 services for individuals under age 21; prescribed drugs; and reason-
23 able transportation to and from the point of medical care.

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

25 Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. If the depart-
26 ment finds that the cost of medical assistance for all persons eligi-
27 ble under this chapter will exceed the amount allocated in the state
28 budget for that assistance for the fiscal year, the department shall
29 eliminata coverage for optional medical services and optionally

1 eligible groups of individuals in the following order:
2 (1) chiropractic services;
3 (2) adult dental services;
4 (3) emergency hospital services;
5 (4) treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders;
6 (5) optometrists' services and eyeglasses;
7 (6) occupational therapy;
8 (7) prosthetic devices;
9 (8) medical supplies and equipment;
10 (9) clinic services;
11 (10) physical therapy;
12 (11) personal care services in a recipient's home;
13 (12) prescribed drugs;
14 (13) long-term care noninstitutional services;
15 (14) [(13)] inpatient psychiatric facility services;
16 (15) [(14)] intermediate care facility services for the
17 mentally retarded;
18 (16) [(15)] intermediate care facility services;
19 (17) [(16)] individuals under age 21 who are not eligible
20 for benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children
21 program because they are not deprived of one or more of their natural
22 or adoptive parents;
23 (18) [(17)] skilled nursing facility services for persons
24 under age 21;
25 (19) [(18)] aged, blind, and disabled individuals who,
26 because they do not meet the income requirements, do not receive
27 supplemental security income under Title XVI of the Social Security
28 Act, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a
29 skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, to receive an

1 optional state supplementary payment;

2 (20) [(19)] individuals in a hospital, skilled nursing
3 facility, or intermediate care facility whose income while in the
4 facility does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental security
5 income benefits rate under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, but
6 who, because of income, are not eligible for the optional state sup-
7 plementary payment;

8 (21) [(20)] individuals under age 21 under supervision of
9 the department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part
10 from public money and who are in foster homes or private child-care
11 institutions.

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

13 Sec. 47.07.200. PAYMENT FOR PRESCRIBED DRUGS. Payment for
14 prescribed drugs must be made in accordance with 42 CFR Part 447,
15 Subpart D.

16 * Sec. 4. AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

17 (11) "prescribed drugs" has the meaning given in 42 CFR
18 440.120.

19 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1988.