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SENATE BILL NO. 491

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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

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to coverage under medicaid for heart
7 transplant surgery; and reordering the priorities for
8 eliminating coverage under medicaid."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.07.030(a) 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; heart transplant surgery and related services;
15 long-term care noninstitutional services; medical supplies and equip-
16 ment; clinic services; inpatient psychiatric facility services for
17 individuals age 65 or older and individuals under age 21; physical
18 therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services; treatment of
19 speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental services; pros-
20 thetic devices and eyeglasses; optometrists' services; intermediate
21 care facility services, including intermediate care facility services
22 for the mentally retarded; skilled nursing facility services for
23 individuals under age 21; and reasonable transportation to and from
24 the point of medical care.

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

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

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

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

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

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