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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 274 (HESS)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to psychologists' services under the
7 state medical assistance program; and reordering the
8 priorities for eliminating coverage under Medicaid."
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: case management and nutrition services for pregnant women;
14 personal care services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital
15 services; long-term care noninstitutional services; medical supplies
16 and equipment; clinic services; inpatient psychiatric facility ser-
17 vices for individuals age 65 or older and individuals under age 21;
18 prescribed drugs; clinical services of a psychologist licensed by the
19 Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners; physical
20 therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services; treatment of
21 speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental services; pros-
22 thetic devices and eyeglasses; optometrists' services; intermediate
23 care facility services, including intermediate care facility services
24 for the mentally retarded; skilled nursing facility services for
25 individuals under age 21; and reasonable transportation to and from
26 the point of medical care.
27 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.035 is amended to read:
28 Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. If the depart-
29 ment finds that the cost of medical assistance for all persons

1 eligible under this chapter will exceed the amount allocated in the
2 state budget for that assistance for the fiscal year, the department
3 shall eliminate coverage for optional medical services and optionally
4 eligible groups of individuals in the following order:
5 (1) chiropractic services;
6 (2) [ADULT DENTAL SERVICES;
7 (3)] emergency hospital services;
8 (3) clinical services of a psychologist licensed by the
9 Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners;
10 (4) treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders;
11 (5) optometrists' services and eyeglasses;
12 (6) occupational therapy;
13 (7) prosthetic devices;
14 (8) medical supplies and equipment;
15 (9) clinic services;
16 (10) adult dental services;
17 (11) physical therapy;
18 (12) [(11)] personal care services in a recipient's home;
19 (13) [(12)] prescribed drugs;
20 (14) [(13)] long-term care noninstitutional services;
21 (15) [(14)] inpatient psychiatric facility services;
22 (16) [(15)] intermediate care facility services for the
23 mentally retarded;
24 (17) [(16)] intermediate care facility services;
25 (18) [(17)] pregnant women, and children five years of age
26 or younger, with a household income that does not exceed 100 percent
27 of the federal poverty level;
28 (19) [(18)] individuals under age 21 who are not eligible
29 for benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children

1 program because they are not deprived of one or more of their natural
2 or adoptive parents;

3 (20) [(19)] skilled nursing facility services for persons
4 under age 21;

5 (21) [(20)] aged, blind, and disabled individuals who,
6 because they do not meet the income requirements, do not receive
7 supplemental security income under Title XVI of the Social Security
8 Act, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a
9 skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, to receive an
10 optional state supplementary payment;

11 (22) [(21)] individuals in a hospital, skilled nursing
12 facility, or intermediate care facility whose income while in the
13 facility does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental security
14 income benefit rate under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, but
15 who, because of income, are not eligible for the optional state sup-
16 plementary payment;

17 (23) [(22)] individuals under age 21 under supervision of
18 the department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part
19 from public money and who are in foster homes or private child-care
20 institutions.