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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act extending medical assistance coverage to adult day health care services and respite care services; changing the order of priority for eliminating medical assistance coverage for certain services; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

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

Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. If the

1 department finds that the cost of medical assistance for all persons
2 eligible under this chapter will exceed the amount allocated in the
3 state budget for that assistance for the fiscal year, the department
4 shall eliminate coverage for optional medical services and optionally
5 eligible groups of individuals in the following order:

- 6 (1) chiropractic services;
- 7 (2) adult dental services;
- 8 (3) emergency hospital services;
- 9 (4) treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders;
- 10 (5) optometrists' services and eyeglasses;
- 11 (6) occupational therapy;
- 12 (7) prosthetic devices;
- 13 (8) medical supplies and equipment;
- 14 (9) clinic services;
- 15 (10) physical therapy;
- 16 (11) personal care services in a recipient's home;
- 17 (12) long-term care noninstitutional services;
- 18 (13) adult day health care services;
- 19 (14) respite care services;
- 20 (15) inpatient psychiatric facility services;
- 21 (16) [(14)] intermediate care facility services for the
22 mentally retarded;
- 23 (17) [(15)] intermediate care facility services;
- 24 (18) [(16)] pregnant women, and children five years of age
25 or younger, with a household income that does not exceed 100 percent
26 of the federal poverty level;
- 27 (19) [(17)] individuals under age 21 who are not eligible
28 for benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children
29 program because they are not deprived of one or more of their natural

1 or adoptive parents;

2 (20) [(18)] skilled nursing facility services for persons
3 under age 21;

4 (21) [(19)] aged, blind, and disabled individuals who,
5 because they do not meet the income requirements, do not receive
6 supplemental security income under Title XVI of the Social Security
7 Act, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a
8 skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, to receive an
9 optional state supplementary payment;

10 (22) [(20)] individuals in a hospital, skilled nursing
11 facility, or intermediate care facility whose income while in the
12 facility does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental security
13 income benefit rate under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, but
14 who, because of income, are not eligible for the optional state sup-
15 plementary payment;

16 (23) [(21)] individuals under age 21 under supervision of
17 the department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part
18 from public money and who are in foster homes or private child-care
19 institutions.

20 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.