

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide for case
2 management services for adolescent parents and pregnant adolescents."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

5 **CHAPTER 18 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS.**

6 **Sec. 47.18.010. CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.** (a) The department shall provide
7 for case management services for adolescent parents and pregnant adolescents in the state who
8 are not eligible for similar services under AS 47.07 (Medicaid). To the extent that it is practical
9 and not prohibited by federal law, the department shall coordinate delivery of services under this
10 chapter with delivery of similar services under AS 47.07.

11 (b) Case management services provided under this chapter must include at least the
12 following:

13 (1) a comprehensive evaluation of the health care and social services needs of
14 each adolescent seeking help;

1 (2) a discussion with the adolescent of various public and private services
2 available to the adolescent in the adolescent's area, such as child care services, financial
3 assistance, health care services, parenting and early childhood development education, vocational
4 training, transportation assistance, and other appropriate social services;

5 (3) provision to the adolescent of a list of specific service providers that may be
6 useful to the adolescent, including addresses and telephone numbers;

7 (4) education about how to choose suitable service providers; in particular, a case
8 manager shall provide information on aspects of evaluating the quality and suitability of child
9 care services, including licensing regulations, financial assistance available, child abuse reporting
10 procedures, and appropriate child development information;

11 (5) assistance to the adolescent in completing applications for services and
12 transportation to the service provider if needed and requested;

13 (6) monitoring and counseling to assist the adolescent in keeping appointments
14 with service providers;

15 (7) continued assessment of the adolescent's needs as determined reasonably
16 necessary in each case.

17 Sec. 47.18.020. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY. The department may contract with
18 other entities to provide adolescent case management services within an area specified by the
19 department. Within an area, the department shall give higher priority to contracting with a
20 municipality than with other organizations.

21 Sec. 47.18.030. ADVERTISING AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES. The department shall
22 publicize the availability of the case management services required under this chapter in a manner
23 designed to most effectively reach adolescents. The department shall require, as a condition of
24 a contract entered into under AS 47.18.020, that the contracting entity advertise the availability
25 of its services in a manner designed to most effectively reach the adolescents living in the
26 contractor's service area.

27 Sec. 47.18.040. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY. (a) When an adolescent applies
28 to the department for services under this chapter, the department shall determine whether the
29 adolescent is eligible for similar services under AS 47.07. If the department determines that the
30 adolescent is eligible under AS 47.07, the department shall provide appropriate services under
31 that chapter.

1 (b) When an adolescent applies to a contractor for services under this chapter and the
2 contractor determines that there is reason to suspect that the adolescent is eligible for services
3 under AS 47.07, the contractor shall refer the case to the department.

4 Sec. 47.18.090. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "department" means the Department of
5 Health and Social Services.