

SENATE BILL NO. 451

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/18/92  
Referred: HES, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to Medicaid coverage for pregnant women; reordering the priorities  
2 granted to optional services under the Medicaid program; and providing for an effective  
3 date."

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

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

6 (b) In addition to the mandatory services specified in (a) of this section, the department  
7 may offer only the following optional services: case management and nutrition services for  
8 pregnant women; substance abuse rehabilitative services for pregnant women; personal care  
9 services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital services; long-term care noninstitutional  
10 services; medical supplies and equipment; clinic services; inpatient psychiatric facility services  
11 for individuals age 65 or older and individuals under age 21; psychologists' services; clinical  
12 social workers' services; prescribed drugs; physical therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic  
13 services; low-dose mammography screening, as defined in AS 21.42.375(e); treatment of speech,  
14 hearing, and language disorders; adult dental services; prosthetic devices and eyeglasses;

1 optometrists' services; intermediate care facility services, including intermediate care facility  
2 services for the mentally retarded; skilled nursing facility services for individuals under age 21;  
3 and reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care.

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

5 Sec. 47.07.035. PRIORITY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. If the department finds that  
6 the cost of medical assistance for all persons eligible under this chapter will exceed the amount  
7 allocated in the state budget for that assistance for the fiscal year, the department shall eliminate  
8 coverage for optional medical services and optionally eligible groups of individuals in the  
9 following order:

- 10 (1) clinical social workers' services;
- 11 (2) psychologists' services;
- 12 (3) chiropractic services;
- 13 (4) adult dental services;
- 14 (5) emergency hospital services;
- 15 (6) treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders;
- 16 (7) optometrists' services and eyeglasses;
- 17 (8) occupational therapy;
- 18 (9) mammography screening;
- 19 (10) prosthetic devices;
- 20 (11) medical supplies and equipment;
- 21 (12) clinic services;
- 22 (13) nutritional services for pregnant women;
- 23 (14) case management services for pregnant women;
- 24 (15) substance abuse rehabilitative services for pregnant women;
- 25 (16) physical therapy;
- 26 (17) [(14)] personal care services in a recipient's home;
- 27 (18) [(15)] prescribed drugs;
- 28 (19) [(16)] long-term care noninstitutional services;
- 29 (20) [(17)] inpatient psychiatric facility services;
- 30 (21) [(18)] intermediate care facility services for the mentally retarded;
- 31 (22) [(19)] intermediate care facility services;

1                    (23) [(20)] individuals under age 21 who are not eligible for benefits under the  
2 federal aid to families with dependent children program because they are not deprived of one or  
3 more of their natural or adoptive parents;

4                    (24) [(21)] skilled nursing facility services for persons under age 21;

5                    (25) [(22)] aged, blind, and disabled individuals who, because they do not meet  
6 the income requirements, do not receive supplemental security income under Title XVI of the  
7 Social Security Act, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a skilled  
8 nursing facility or intermediate care facility, to receive an optional state supplementary payment;

9                    (26) [(23)] individuals in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care  
10 facility whose income while in the facility does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental  
11 security income benefit rate under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, but who, because of  
12 income, are not eligible for the optional state supplementary payment;

13                    (27) [(24)] individuals under age 21 under supervision of the department, for  
14 whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part from public money and who are in foster  
15 homes or private child-care institutions.

16 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

17                    (13) "substance abuse rehabilitative services" means services provided by

18                    (A) a drug or alcohol treatment center that is funded with a grant under  
19 AS 47.30.475; or

20                    (B) an outpatient community mental health clinic that has a contract to  
21 provide community mental health services under AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620.

22 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1992.