

SENATE BILL NO. 452

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 providing for Medicaid coverage for certain rehabilitation and case management
2 services; reordering the priorities given to optional services under the Medicaid program;
3 and providing for an effective 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; personal care services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital services;
9 long-term care noninstitutional services; medical supplies and equipment; clinic services;
10 rehabilitative services for substance abusers and emotionally disturbed or chronically
11 mentally ill adults; targeted case management services for substance abusers, chronically
12 mentally ill adults, and severely emotionally disturbed persons under the age of 21; inpatient
13 psychiatric facility services for individuals age 65 or older and individuals under age 21;
14 psychologists' services; clinical social workers' services; prescribed drugs; physical therapy;

1 occupational therapy; chiropractic services; low-dose mammography screening, as defined in
2 AS 21.42.375(e); treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental services;
3 prosthetic devices and eyeglasses; optometrists' services; intermediate care facility services,
4 including intermediate care facility services for the mentally retarded; skilled nursing facility
5 services for individuals under age 21; and reasonable transportation to and from the point of
6 medical care.

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

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

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

- 1 (19) [(17)] inpatient psychiatric facility services;
- 2 (20) [(18)] intermediate care facility services for the mentally retarded;
- 3 (21) [(19)] intermediate care facility services;
- 4 (22) [(20)] individuals under age 21 who are not eligible for benefits under the
- 5 federal aid to families with dependent children program because they are not deprived of one or
- 6 more of their natural or adoptive parents;
- 7 (23) [(21)] skilled nursing facility services for persons under age 21;
- 8 (24) [(22)] aged, blind, and disabled individuals who, because they do not meet
- 9 the income requirements, do not receive supplemental security income under Title XVI of the
- 10 Social Security Act, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a skilled
- 11 nursing facility or intermediate care facility, to receive an optional state supplementary payment;
- 12 (25) [(23)] individuals in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care
- 13 facility whose income while in the facility does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental
- 14 security income benefit rate under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, but who, because of
- 15 income, are not eligible for the optional state supplementary payment;
- 16 (26) [(24)] individuals under age 21 under supervision of the department, for
- 17 whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part from public money and who are in foster
- 18 homes or private child-care institutions.

19 * Sec. 3. AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

20 (13) "emotionally disturbed or chronically mentally ill adults" and "severely

21 emotionally disturbed persons under age 21" include only persons who receive mental health

22 services from an entity that has a contract to provide community mental health services under

23 AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620;

24 (14) "rehabilitative services" means services for substance abusers and emotionally

25 disturbed or chronically mentally ill adults provided by

26 (A) a drug or alcohol treatment center that is funded with a grant under

27 AS 47.30.475; or

28 (B) an outpatient community mental health clinic that has a contract to

29 provide community mental health services under AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620;

30 (15) "substance abuser" means a person who

31 (A) is an alcoholic, as defined in AS 47.37.270;

1 (B) participates in inhalant abuse, as defined in AS 47.37.270; or

2 (C) misuses illegal or prescription drugs;

3 (16) "targeted case management services" means case management services for
4 substance abusers, chronically mentally ill adults, and severely emotionally disturbed persons
5 under age 21 that are provided by

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

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

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